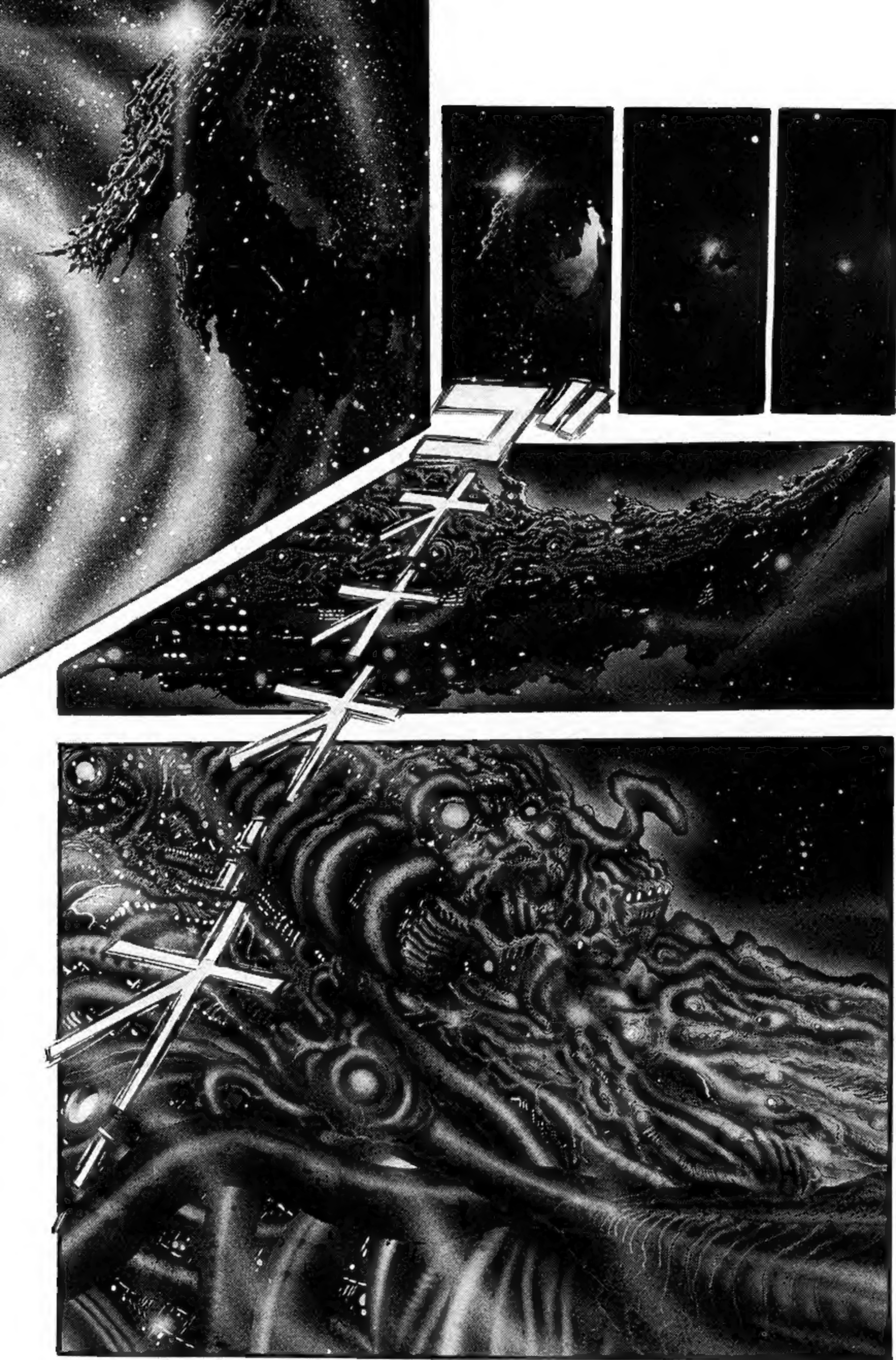
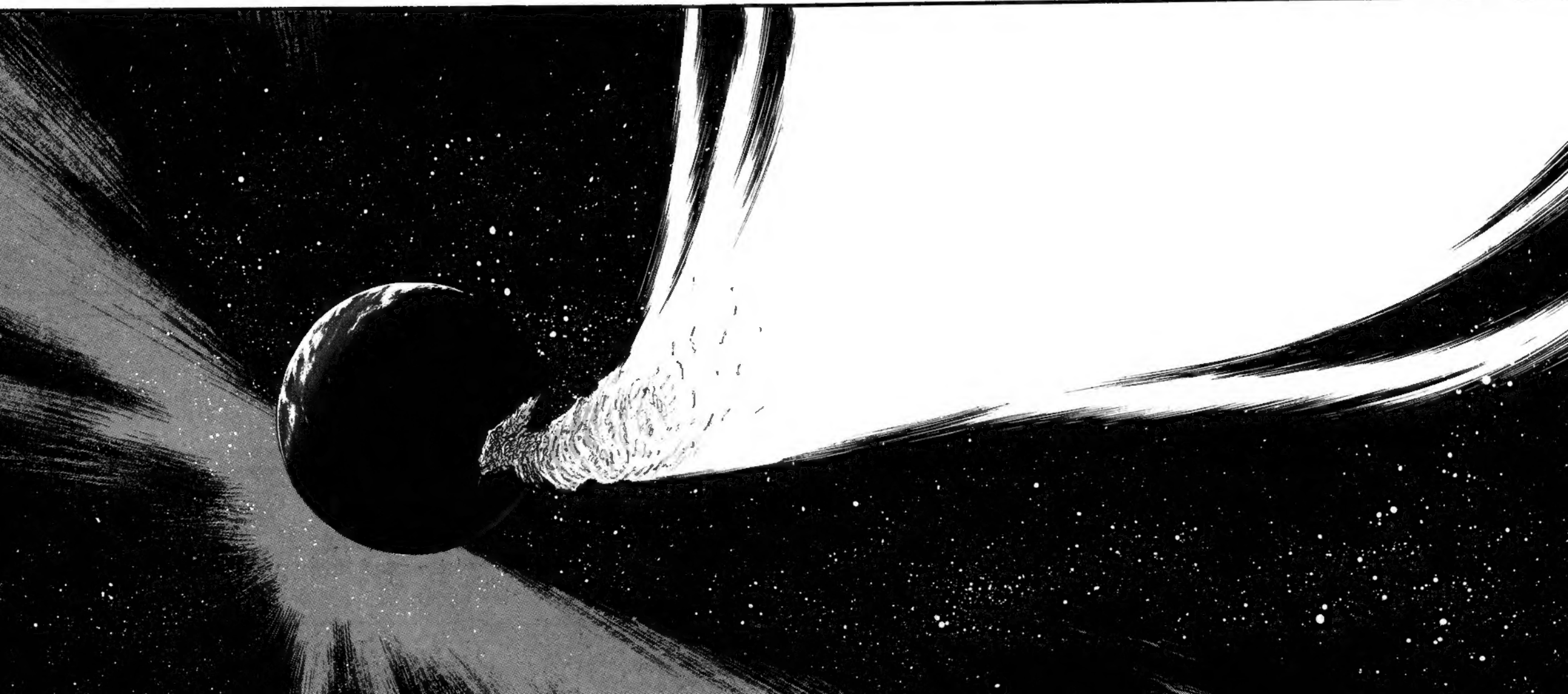
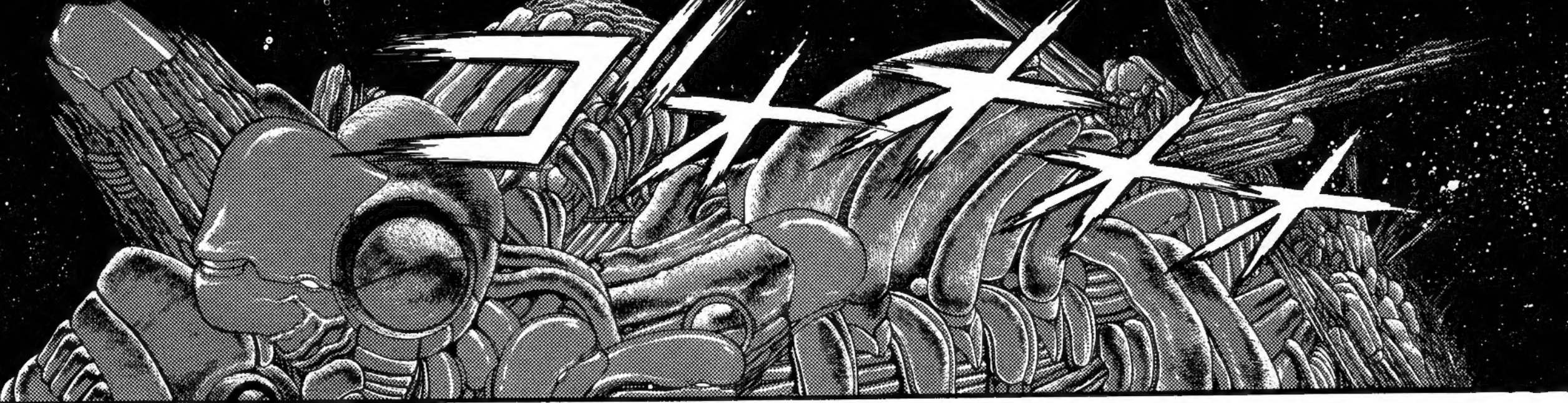
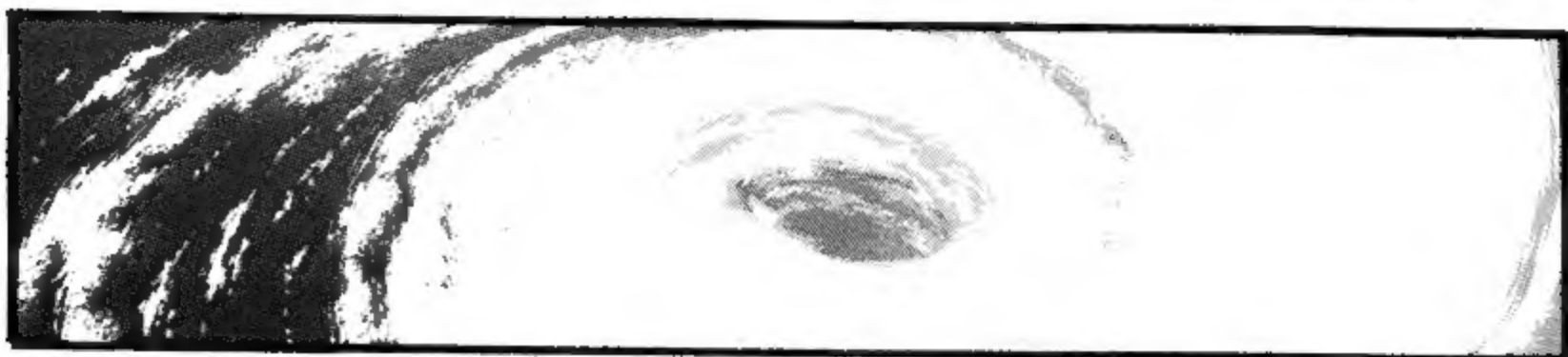
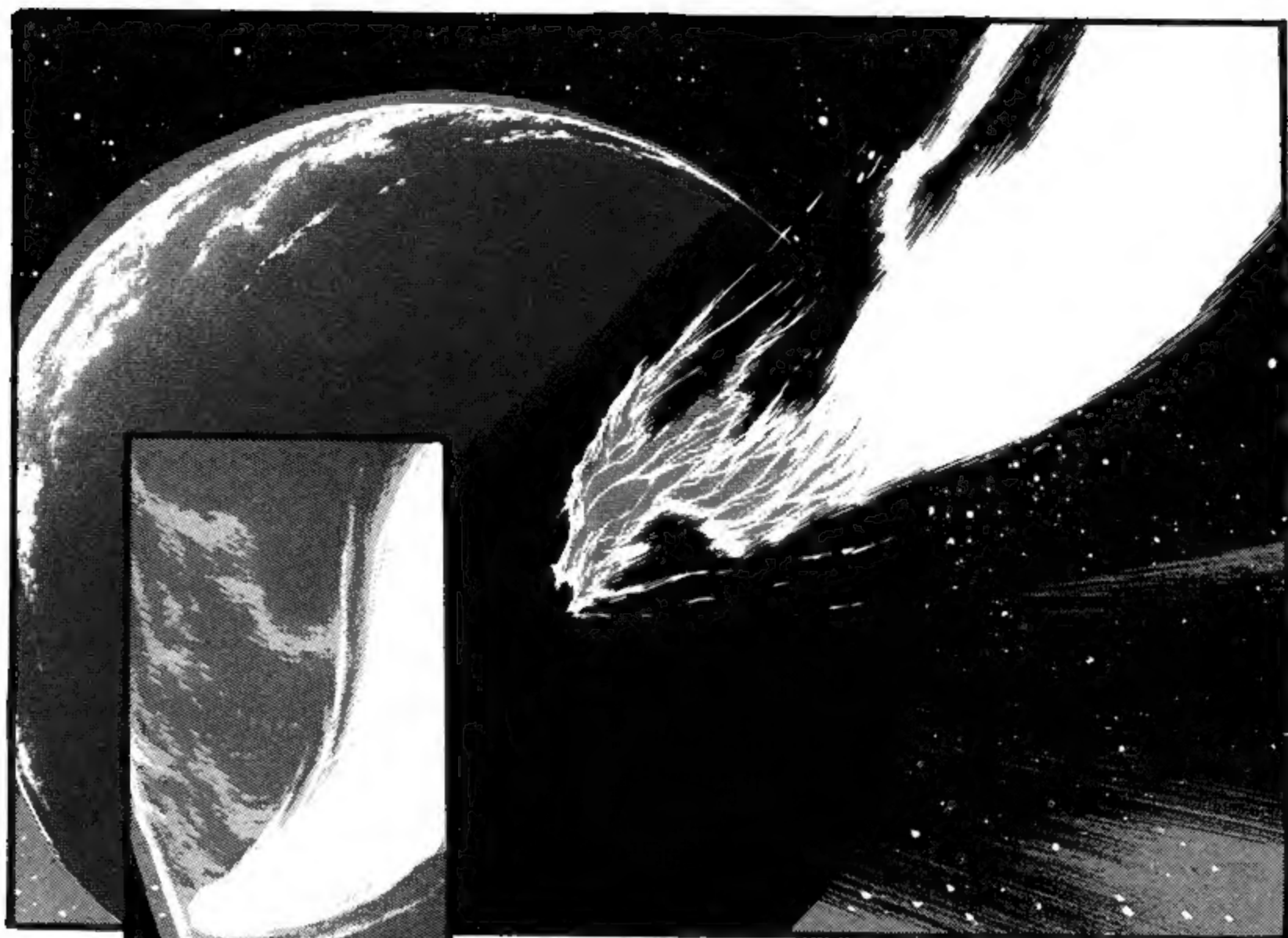


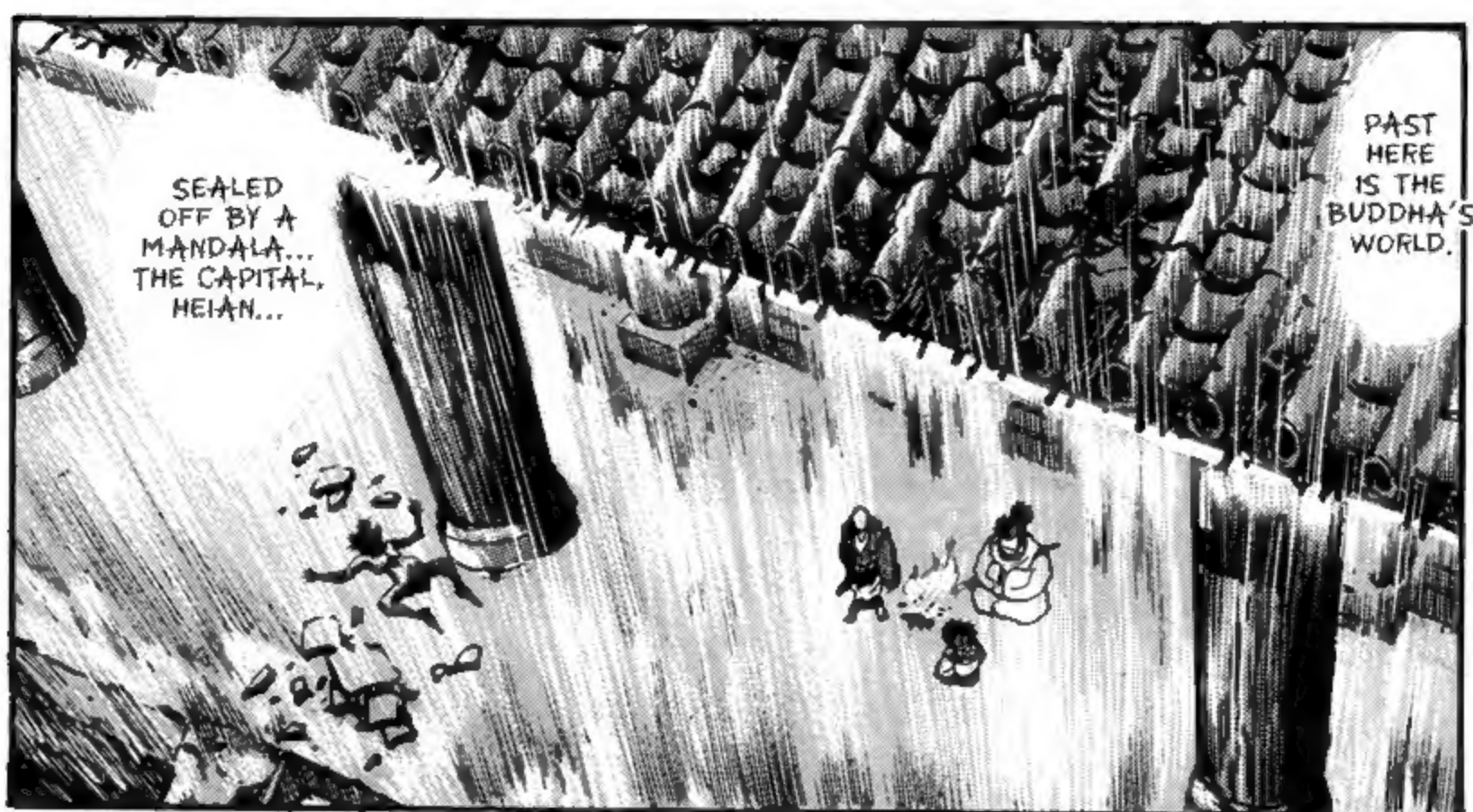
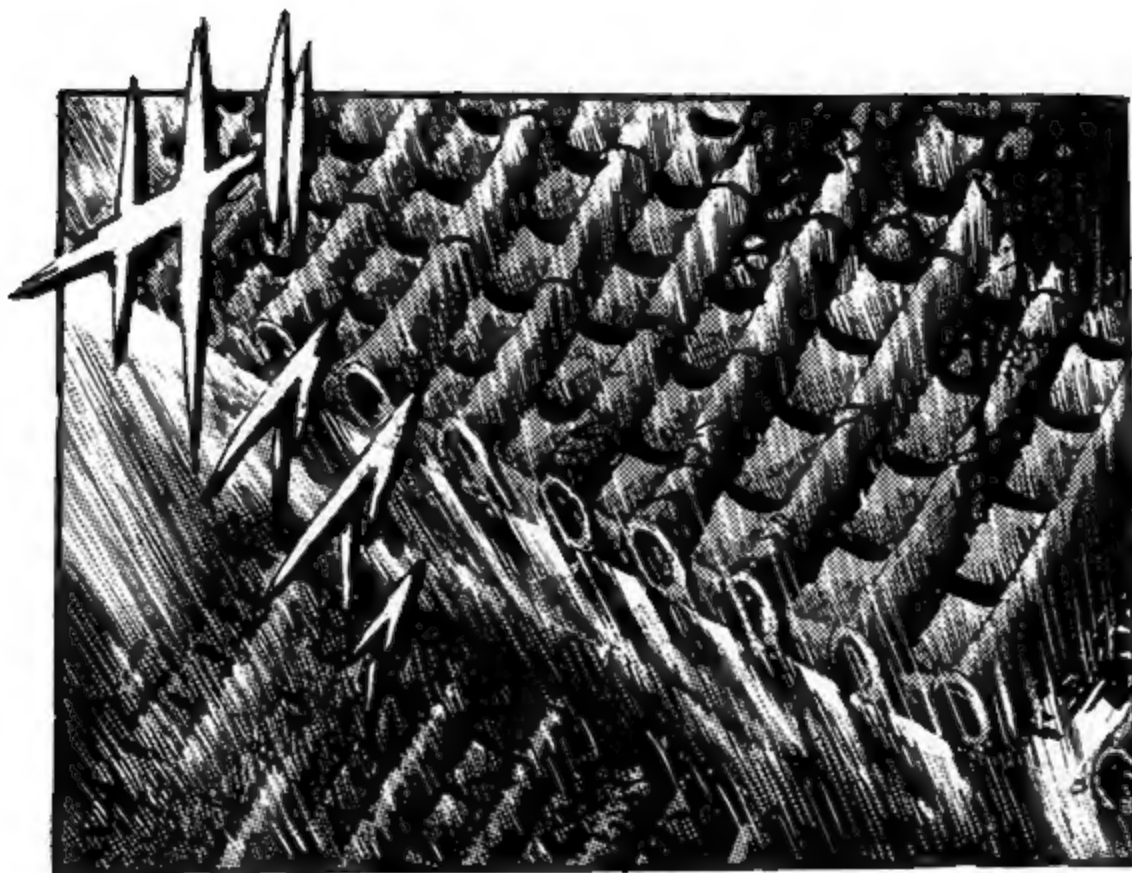




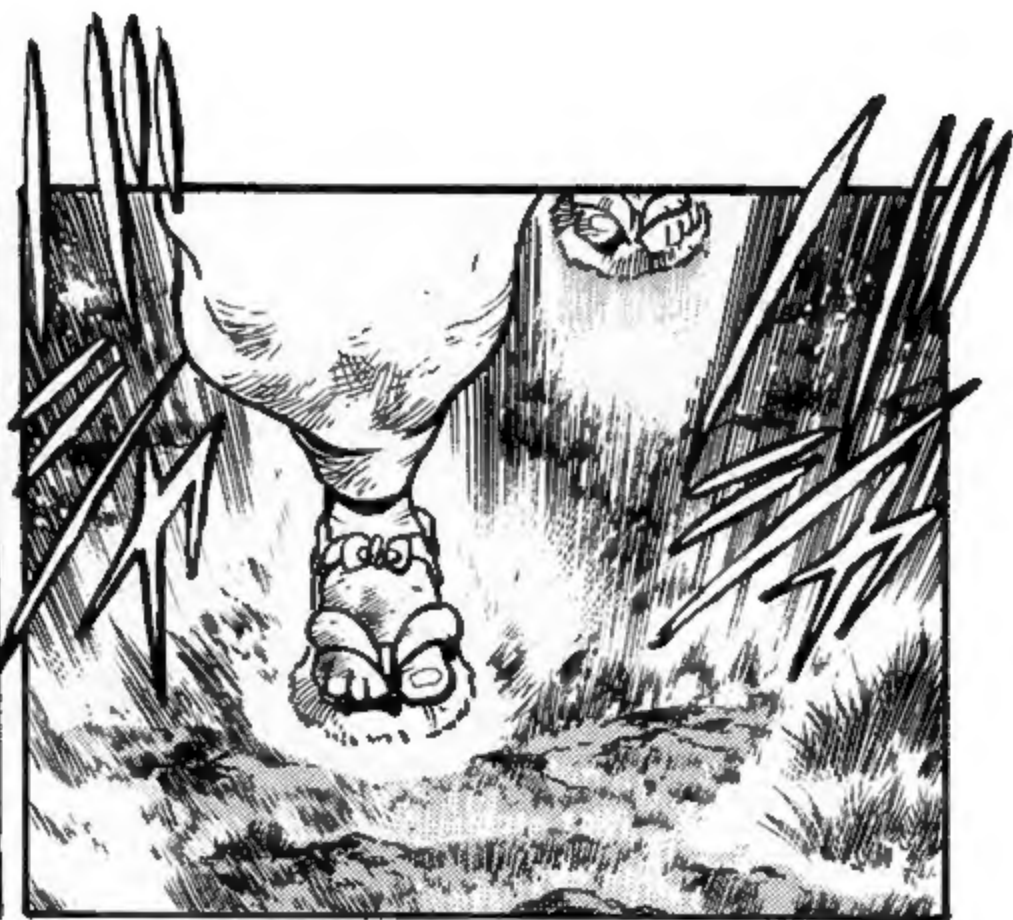
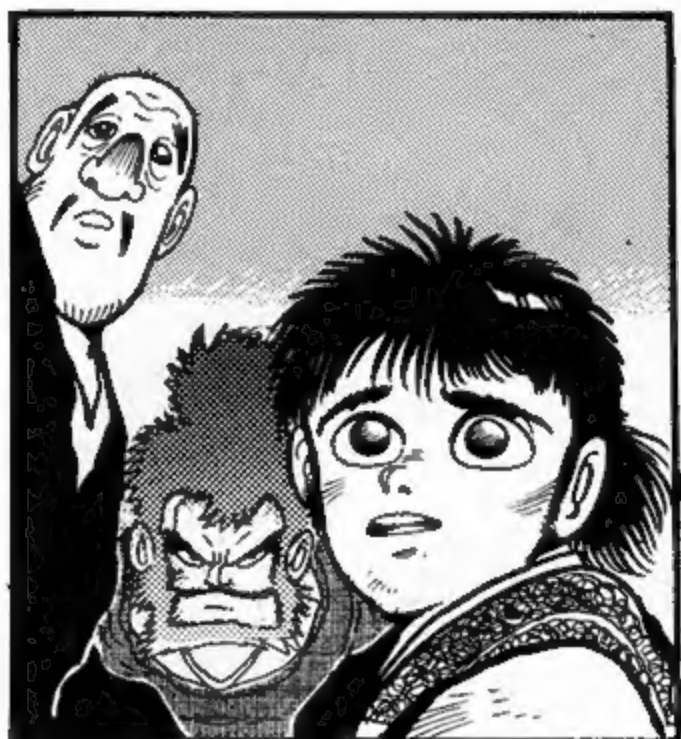




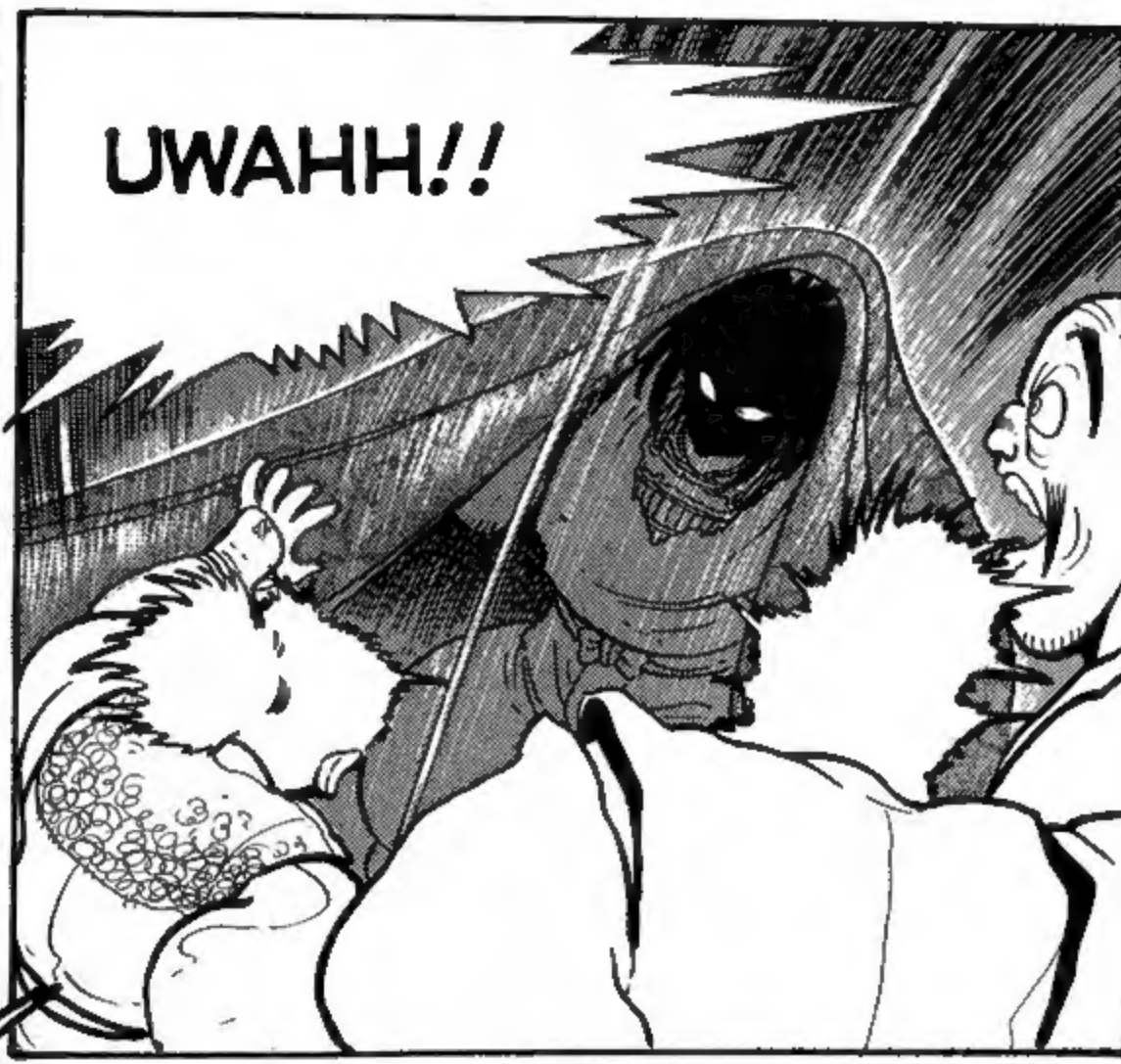
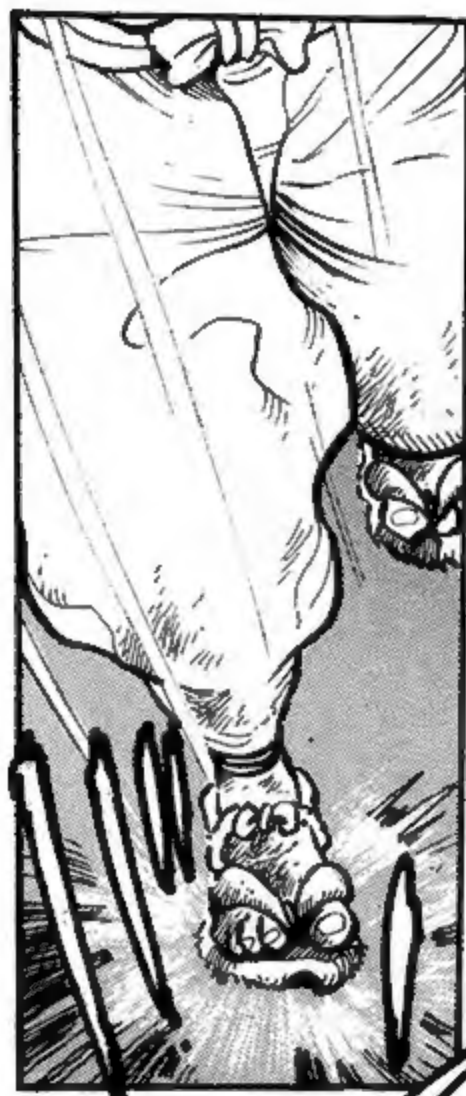
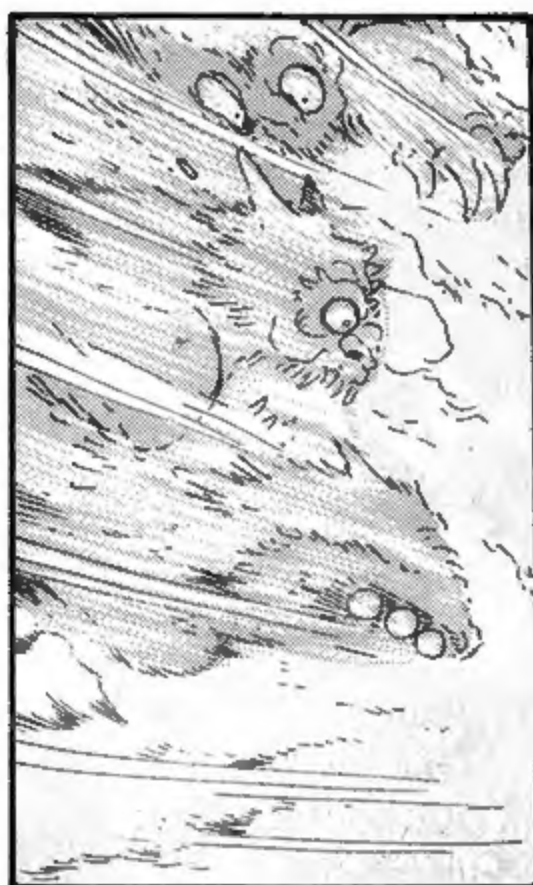














HM?
SOME-
THING
WRONG
...?

YEAH.

THERE
ARE
MON-
STERS.

PHEW.
THIS
RAIN IS
AWFUL.

AH
WHA
WHA



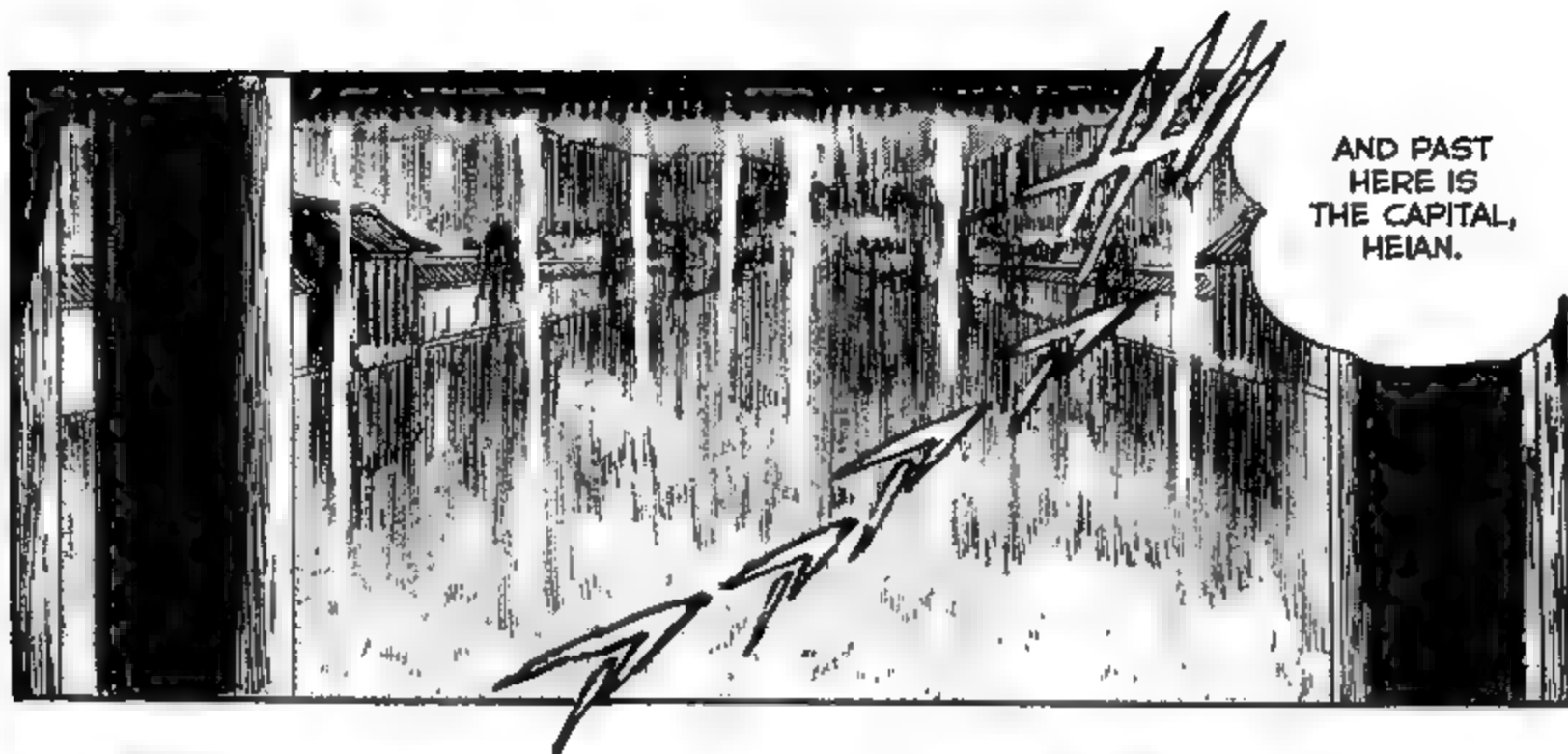
NOTHING
LIKE THAT
AROUND
HERE.



MON-
STERS
!?



AND EVEN IF
THEY WERE
AROUND, THIS IS
RASHOUMON...
THEY CAN'T
GO PAST THIS
PLACE.

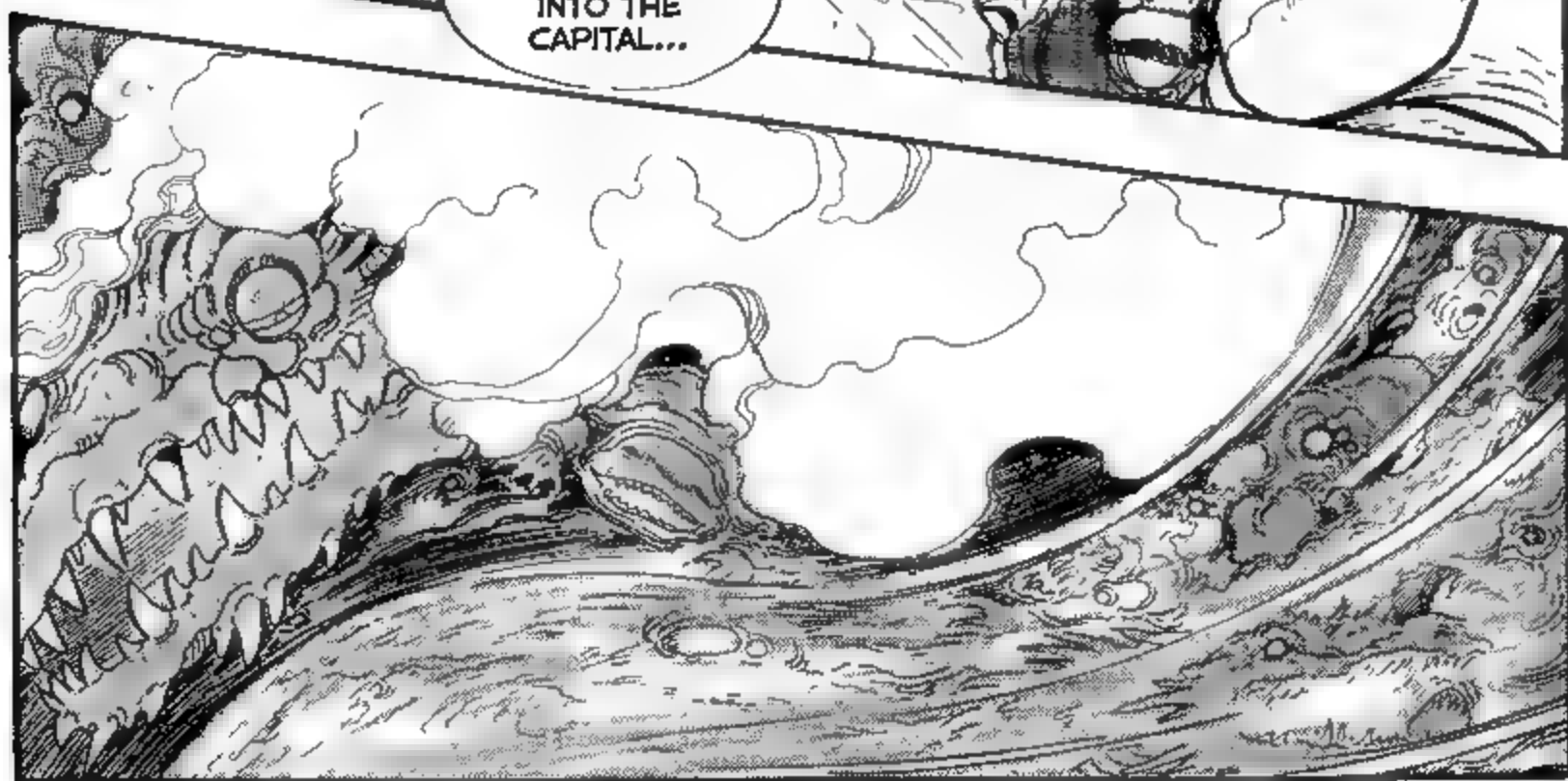


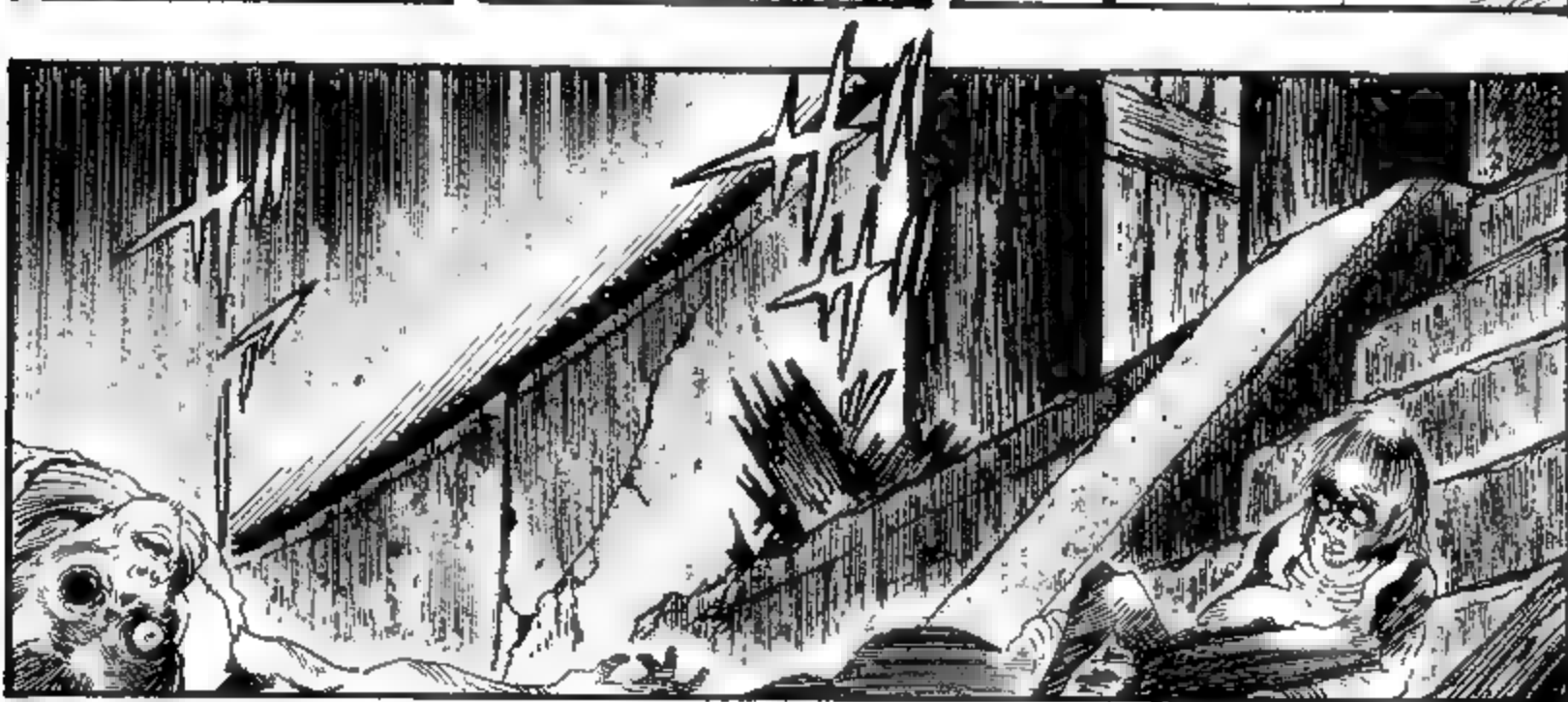
AND PAST
HERE IS
THE CAPITAL,
HEIAN.



STILL, THIS
PLACE IS
BAD OFF...
IT'S FALLING
APART.

ON DAYS
LIKE THIS,
THOSE
THINGS ARE
TRYING
DESPERATELY
TO GET
INTO THE
CAPITAL...







THE CAPITAL CITY LOOKS NOTHING LIKE IT DID IN THE OLD DAYS.

THESE LAST TWO, THREE YEARS, THE CAPITAL CITY WAS STRUCK BY AN EARTHQUAKE, AND AFTER THAT A WHIRLWIND THAT WIPE OUT THE CROPS.

THE STREETS ARE TEEMING WITH STARVING PEOPLE.

UNTIL RECENTLY, RASHOUMON HERE WASN'T SO BAD...

BUT ONLY CROWS AND THE LIKE HANG AROUND THIS PLACE NOW.

WHEN DEAD BODIES WIND UP UNCLAIMED, THEY ARE TRADITIONALLY DISPOSED OF AT THIS GATE.

THAT DESOLATION DOES MAKE IT GOOD FOR SOMETHING.

A HOME FOR CONS. A HOME FOR THIEVES.



THE ONLY
FLESH LEFT
BEHIND WAS
ON A BABY.



ONCE,
RECENTLY, I
SAW SOMEONE
EATING THESE
PEOPLE.



I GUESS
IN THE END,
THEIR
STOMACH
COULDN'T
HANDLE IT.

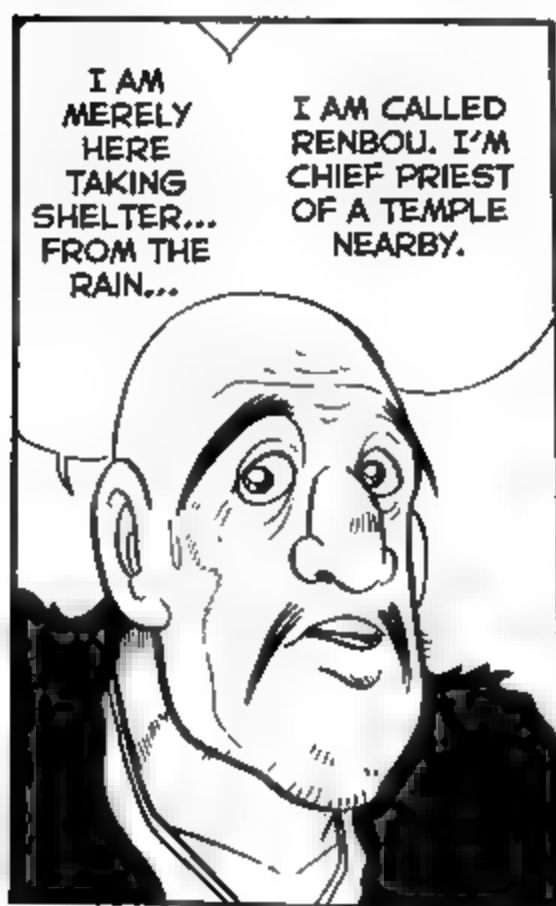
BUT STORIES
LIKE THIS ARE
COMMONPLACE.

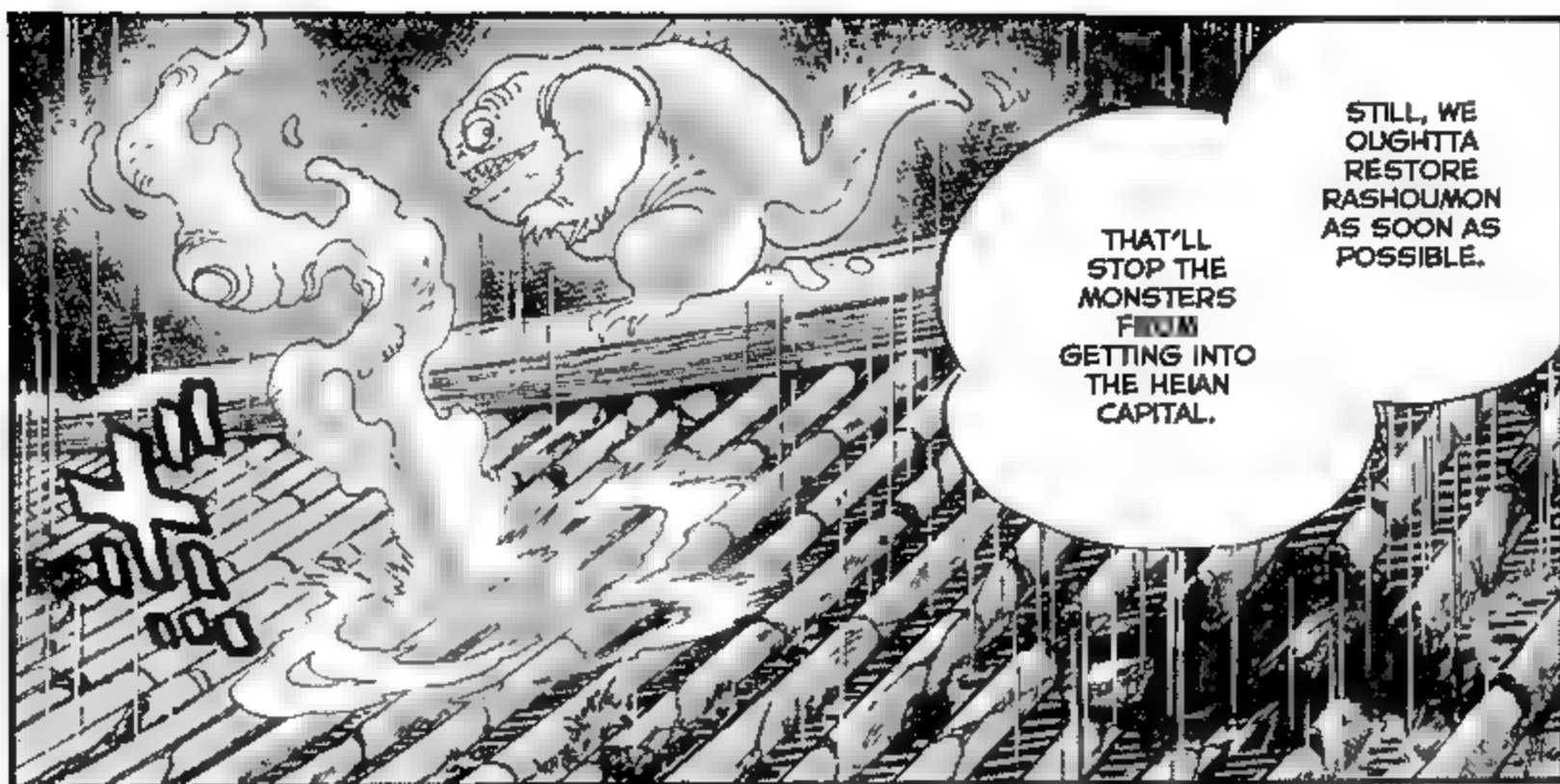


WHERE
PEOPLE
WON'T
HESITATE
TO KILL
FOR THE
SAKE OF
SURVIVAL.



THIS
IS AN
ERA...





THAT'LL
STOP THE
MONSTERS
FROM
GETTING INTO
THE HEIAN
CAPITAL.

STILL, WE
OUGHTTA
RESTORE
RASHOUMON
AS SOON AS
POSSIBLE.



TELL ME,
ARE
MONSTERS
REALLY ANY
SCARIER
THAN
HUMANS?

MON-
STERS,
HUH?



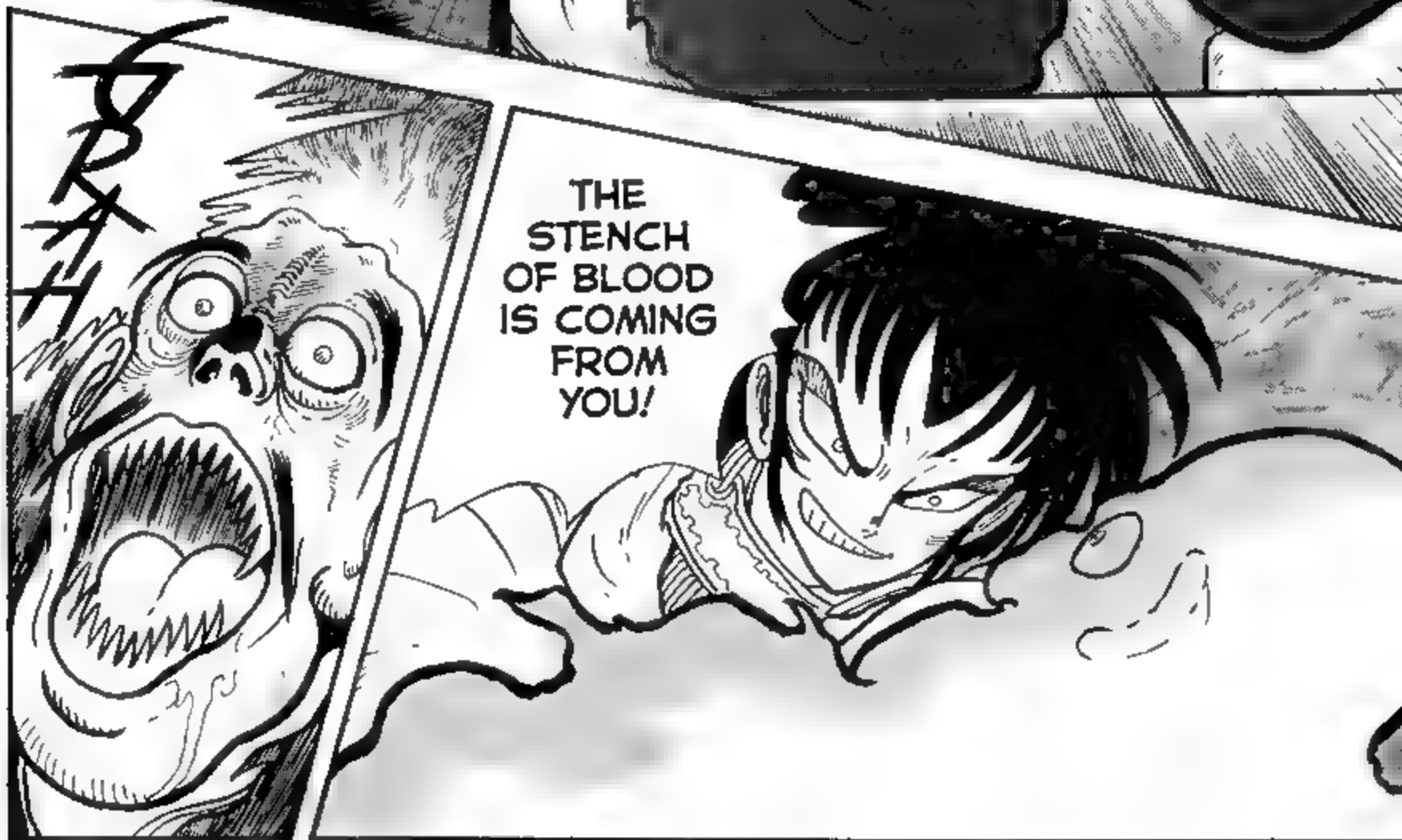
MAKE
ONE MOVE
AND YOUR
HEAD WILL
ROLL!!
VILLAIN!

YOU
WRETCH,
I'VE GONE
UP AGAINST
THIRTY
BANDITS AT
ONCE!!





**PRIEST!
IT'S YOU!!
YOU'VE BEEN
EATING
PEOPLE!!**



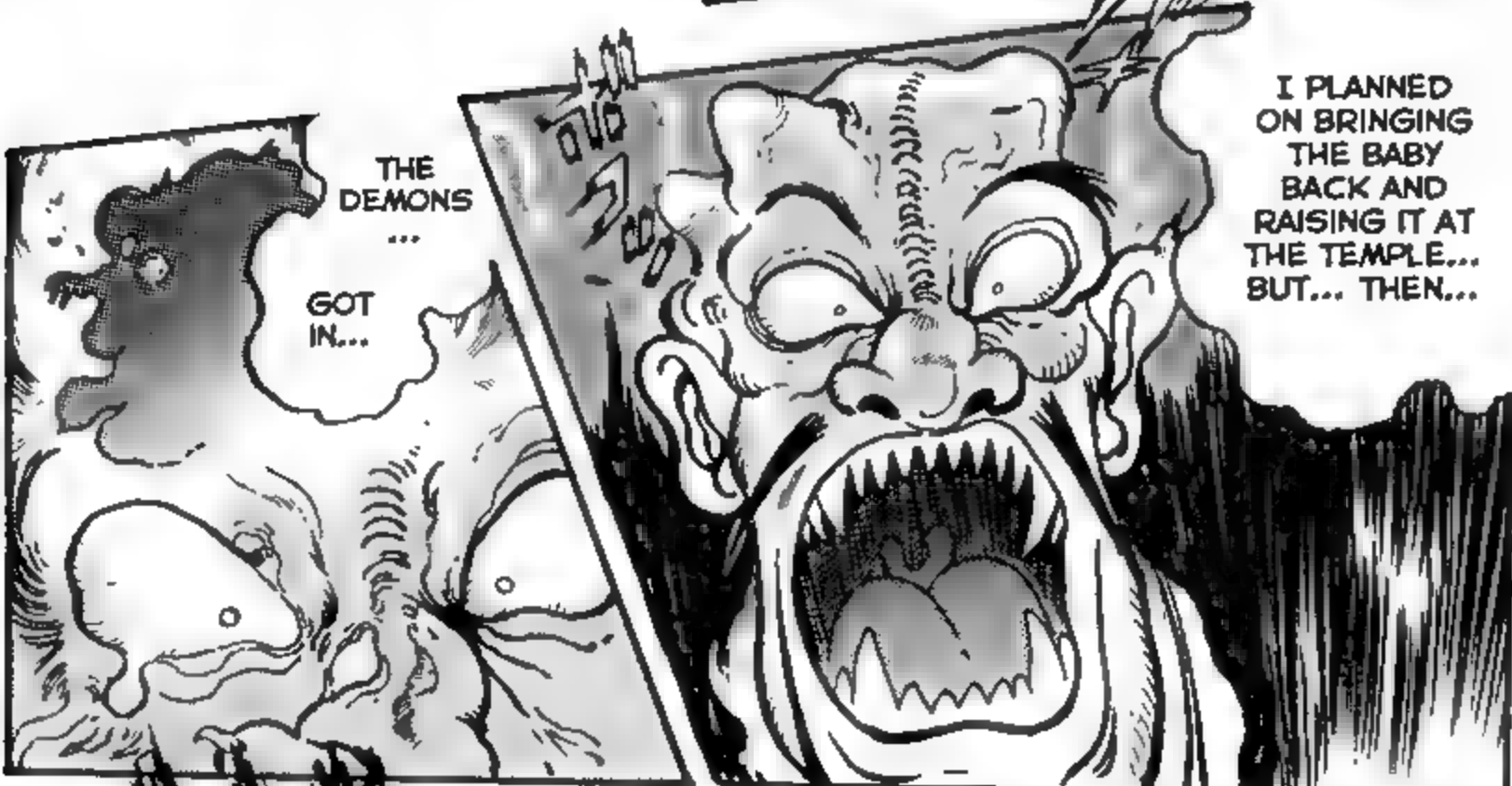
**THE
STENCH
OF BLOOD
IS COMING
FROM
YOU!**



I FOUND
A BABY
WHILE I WAS
WALKING
IN FRONT OF
RASHOU-
MON...

I... I HADN'T
EATEN ANYTHING
IN FOUR DAYS.

YOU
PROBABLY
PLANNED
ON EATING
THESE TWO
NEXT.



THE
DEMONS
...

GOT
IN...

I PLANNED
ON BRINGING
THE BABY
BACK AND
RAISING IT AT
THE TEMPLE...
BUT... THEN...





HEE
HEE
HEE

THE
DEMONS
GOT IN
AND DID
THIS!!



WHY...
WOULD
SOME-
THING
LIKE...
THIS...

AFTER
I DEVOTED
MY WHOLE
LIFE TO
BUDDHISM...



THEY
WILL TAKE
ADVANTAGE
OF THAT
WEAKNESS
AND GET
INSIDE.



NO MATTER
HOW PRETTY
SOMEONE'S
WORDS ARE,
THEY CAN STILL
BE A WEAK-
LING.

THIS IS
THE WAY
HUMANS
ARE.

THINK, KID?
IT'S PRETTY
FASCINATING.



WE'RE
THE ONES
WHO EAT
MONSTERS.

AN
ONMYOUJI
OF THE
RAPPA
SECT.



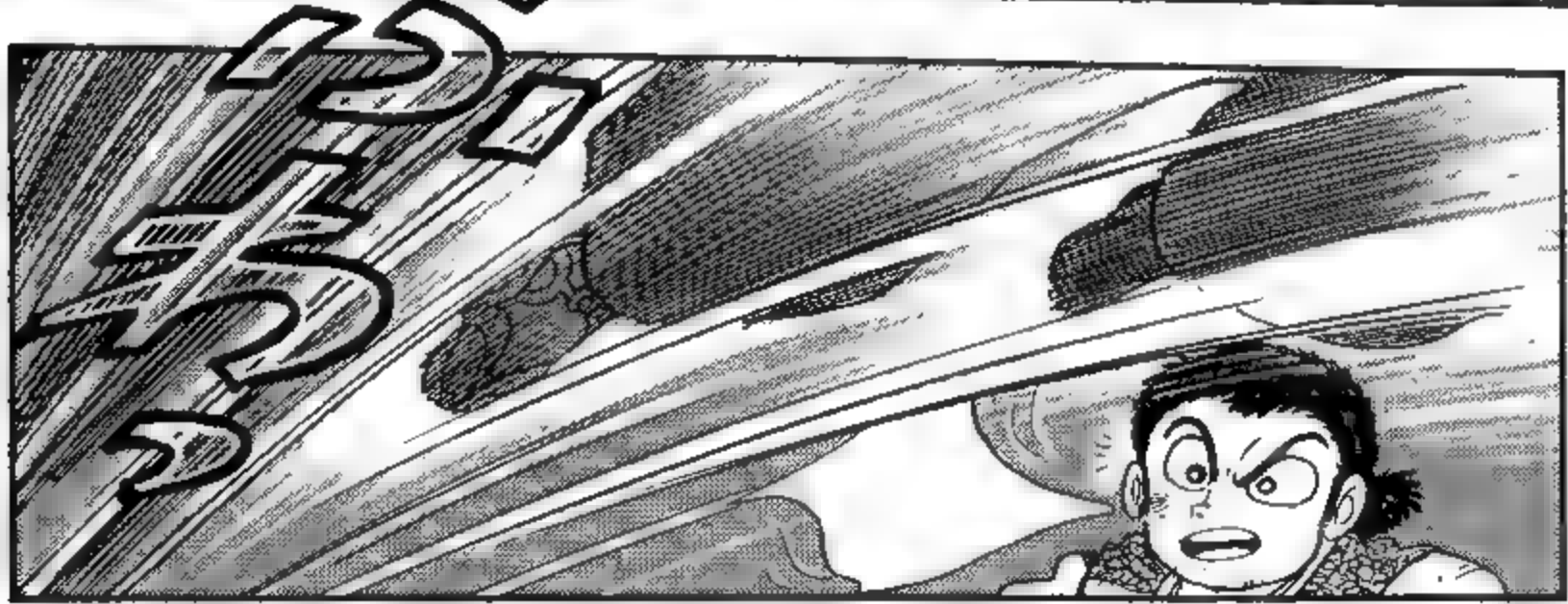
THEY
GET IN
THROUGH
THE
WEAKNESS
OF THE
HUMAN
HEART.

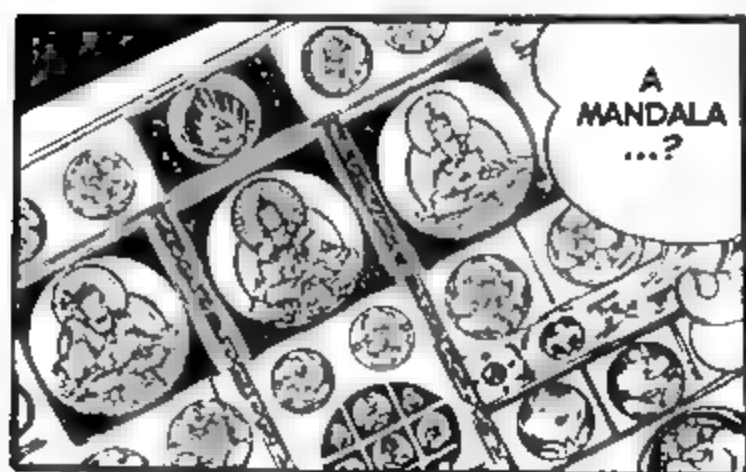
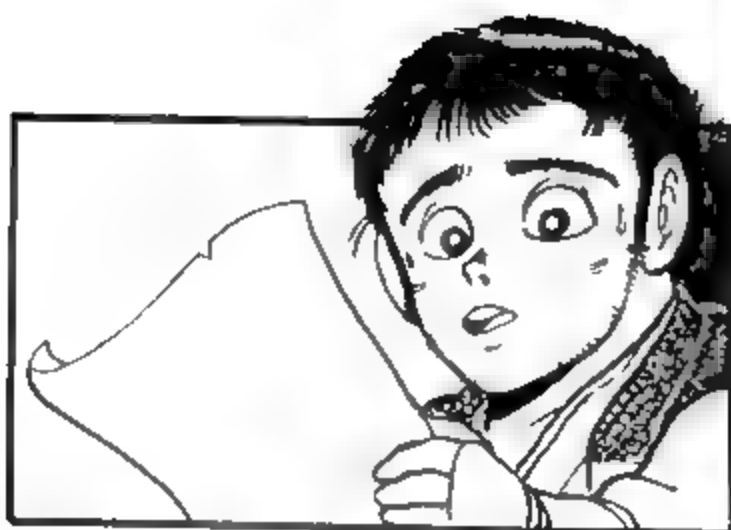
YOU'D
DO WELL
TO RE-
MEMBER
THIS...

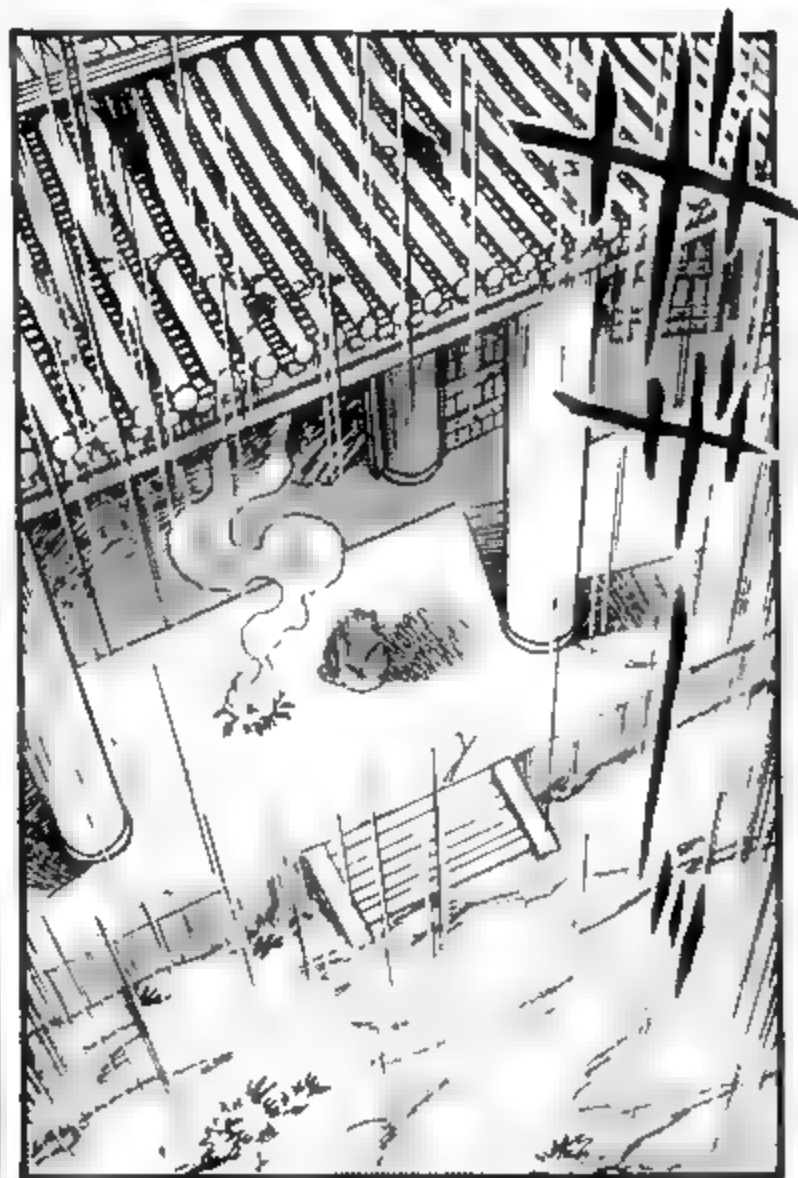
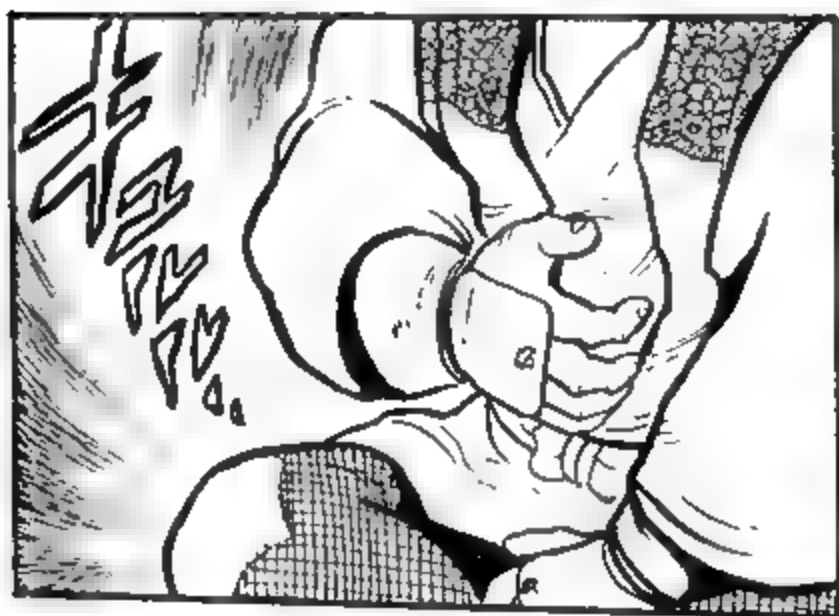


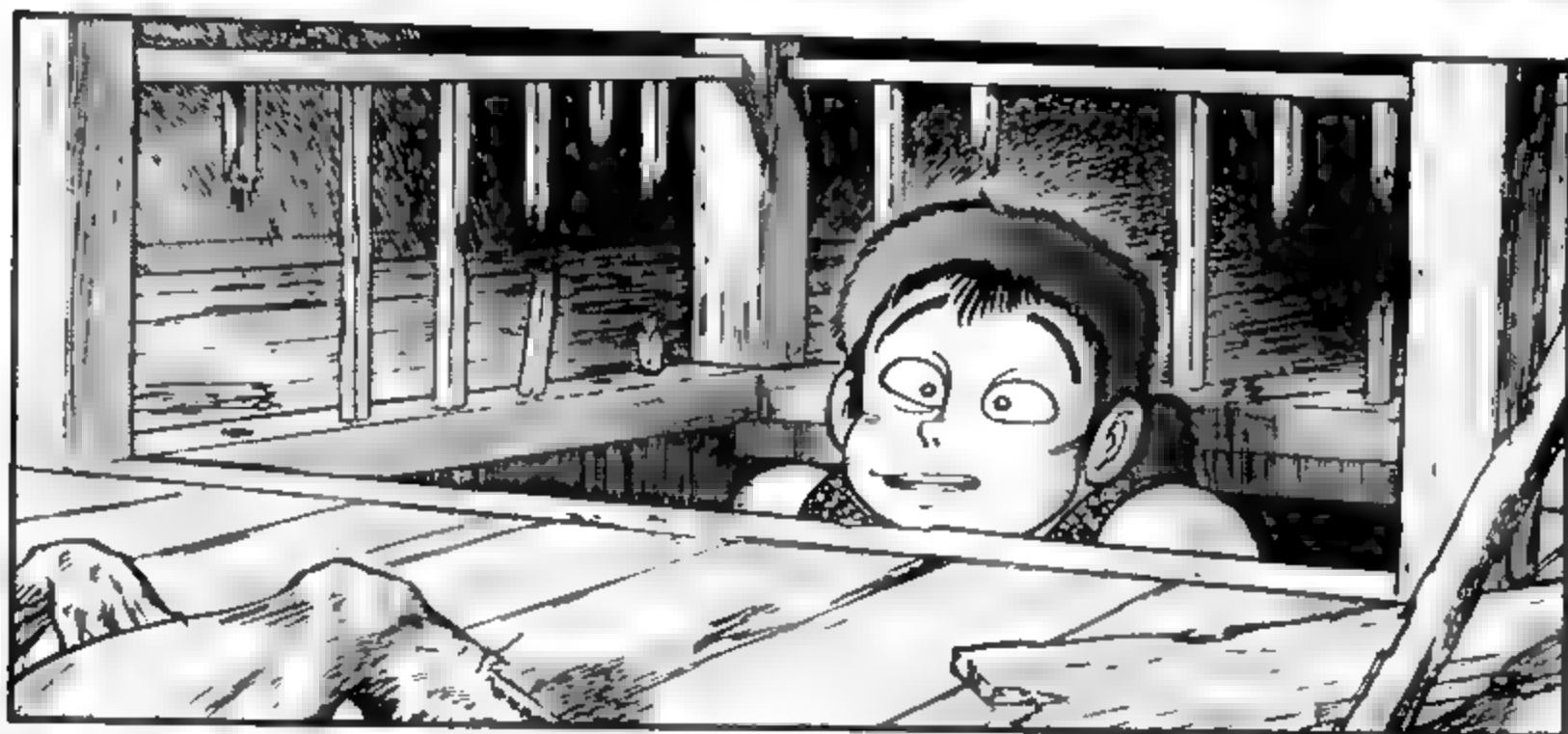
WHO
EXACTLY
ARE
YOU?

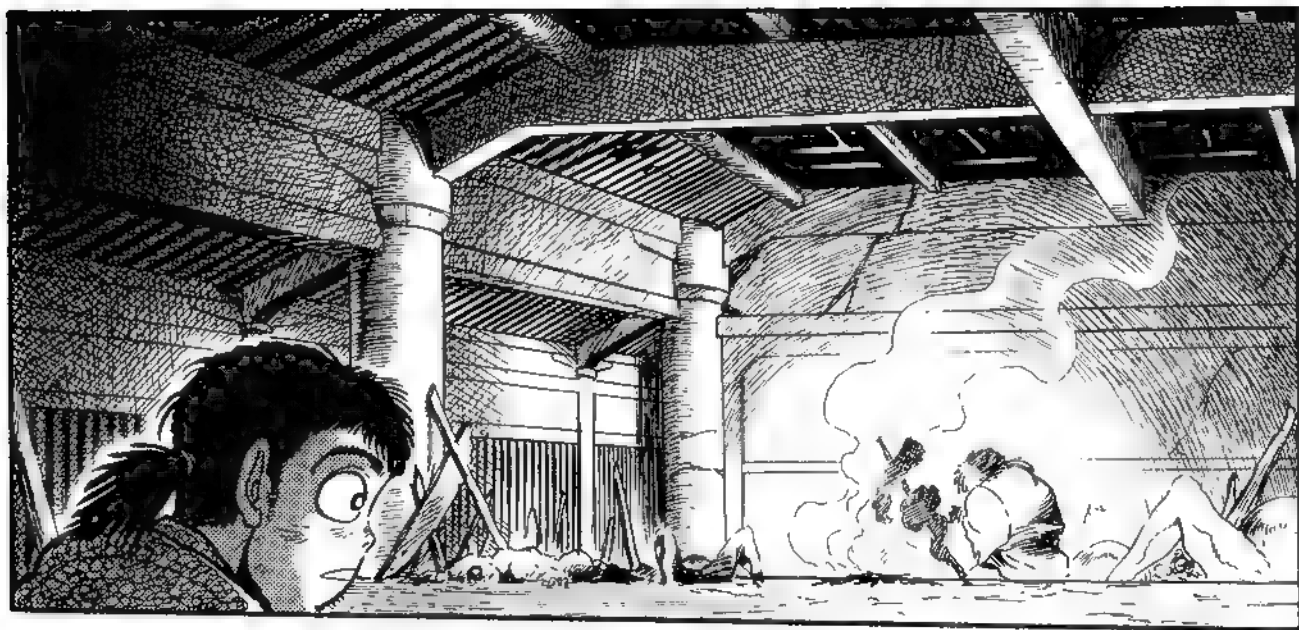


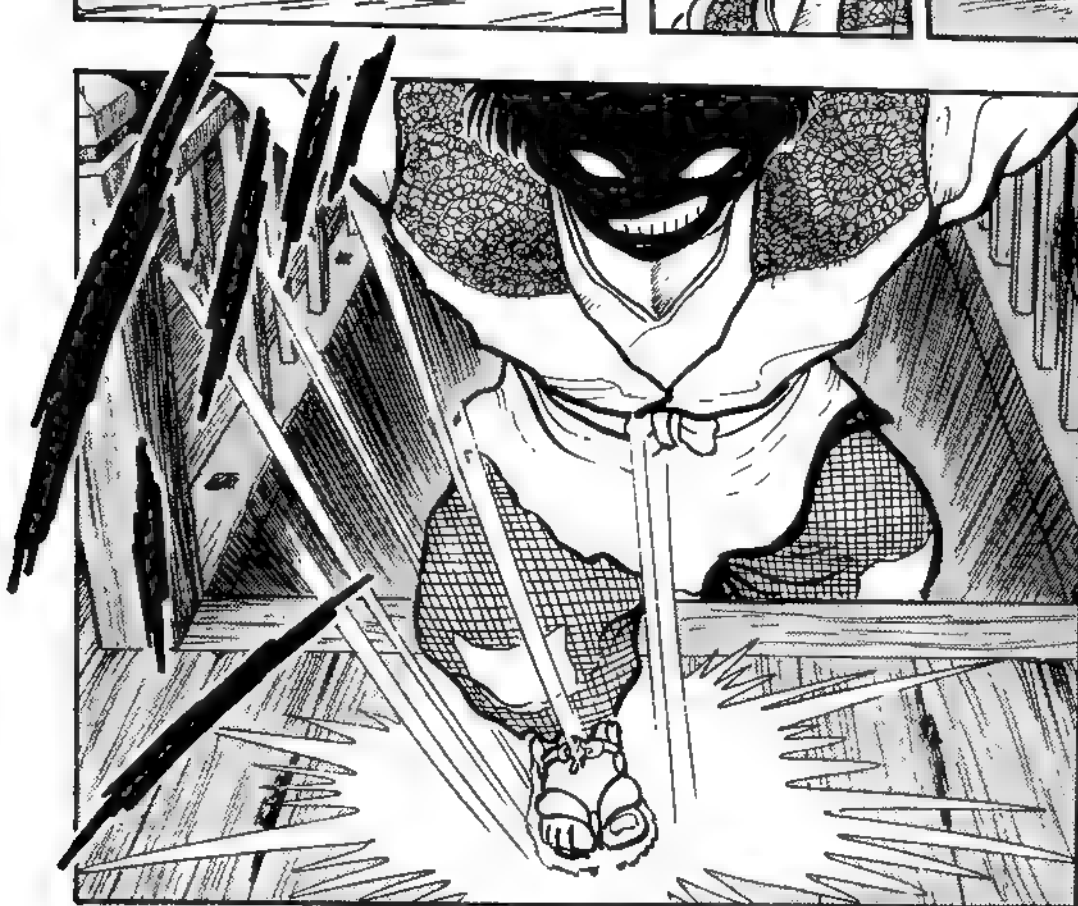














YOU HAG!
HOW COULD
YOU EAT
HUMAN
FLESH?



EATING
HUMAN
FLESH,
THOUGH
...

THERE
ARE THINGS
YOU CAN
FORGIVE,
AND THINGS
YOU CAN'T!!



I WAS SO
HUNGRY.

I GAVE
IN TO THE
HUNGER.



FORGIVE
ME!

FORGIVE
ME,
FORGIVE
ME!!





WHO
WOULDN'T
DO WHATEVER
IT TAKES TO
SURVIVE!!!?

WHEN
YOU'RE
STARVING
TO
DEATH..

WHHAH



AH
HAH

BUT I DON'T
THINK WHAT
THIS WOMAN DID
WAS ANYTHING
WICKED!!



THEY'D
REALLY
FORGIVE
YOU,
THEN?



I'M SURE
THEY WOULD
FORGIVE
WHAT I'VE
DONE.

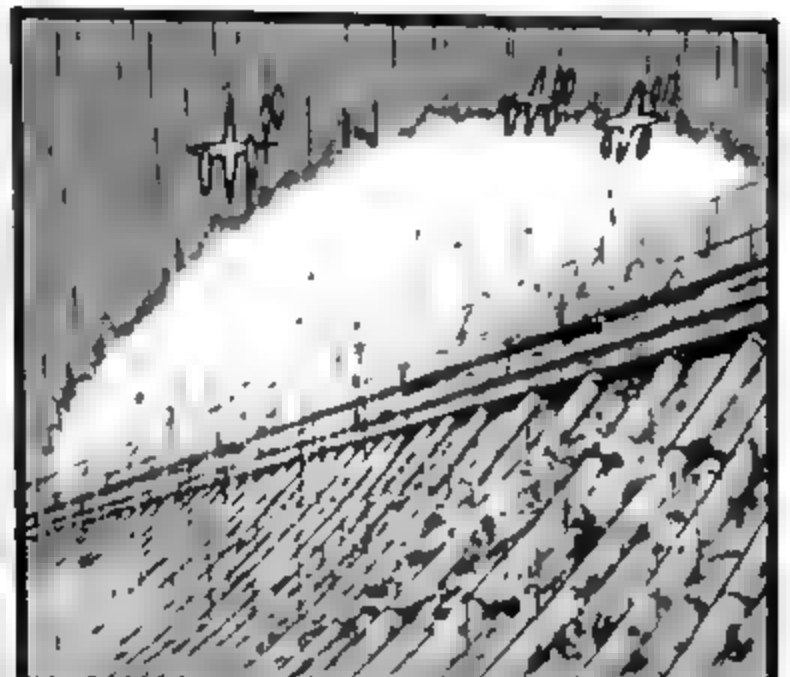
THESE
FOLKS
KNEW ALL
ABOUT
THAT



IF I
DIDN'T DO
IT, I'D
STARVE TO
DEATH

I STILL
DON'T THINK
WHAT I'M
DOING IS
BAD

SO
THAT'S
WHY-









HU
HA
HA



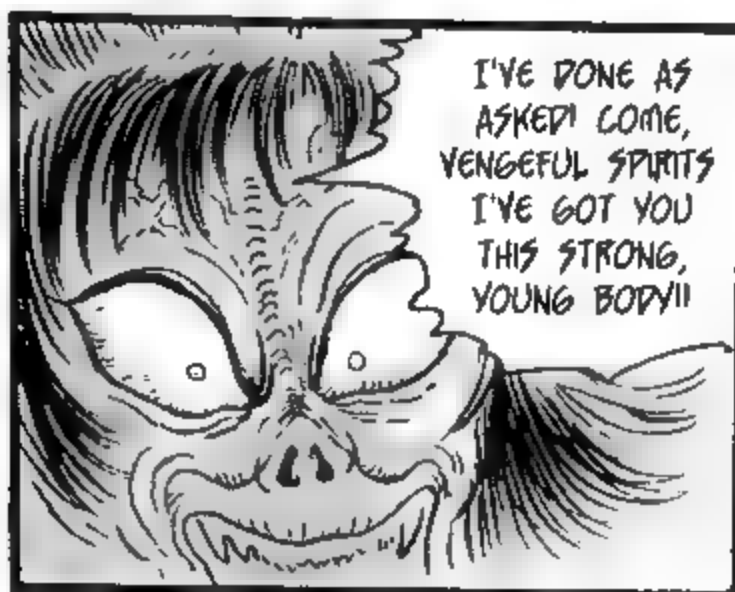
I'M
STARVING
TO DEATH
TOO,
Y'KNOW...



'CAUSE
I'LL
STARVE
TO DEATH
IF I DO
ANYTHING
ELSE!!



SO
WHEN I
EAT YOU,
DON'T
HOLD IT
AGAINST
ME.



I'VE DONE AS
ASKED! COME,
VENGEFUL SPIRITS
I'VE GOT YOU
THIS STRONG,
YOUNG BODY!!

COME FORTH,
VENGEFUL
SPIRIT OF
CROWN PRINCE
SAWARA!!

GWA
HAHA



UK-
!!









SO THEN,
YOU ONMYOUJI
ARE STILL
PROTECTING
HEIAN-KYO, AS
THE MIKADO
COMMANDS.



THE MAGIC
SEAL HAS BEEN
DISSOLVED!!
WE'RE GOING
TO DRAG YOUR
HEIAN CAPITAL
TO THE DEPTHS
OF HELL!!

BUT
YOU'RE
ALREADY
TOO
LATE.



陰大無
烈破動
宇空前





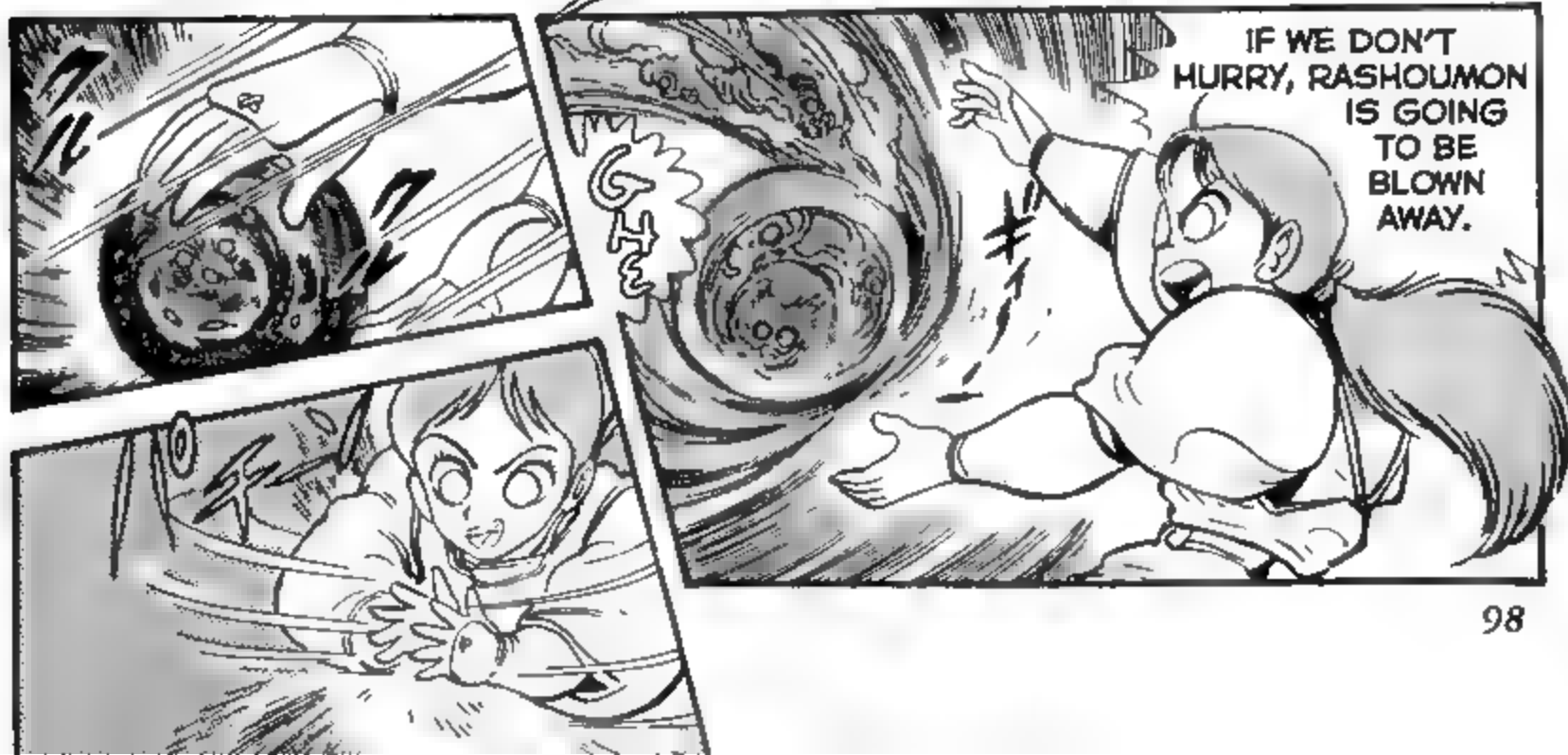
KID! OPEN
UP THAT
MANDALA I
GAVE YOU!!



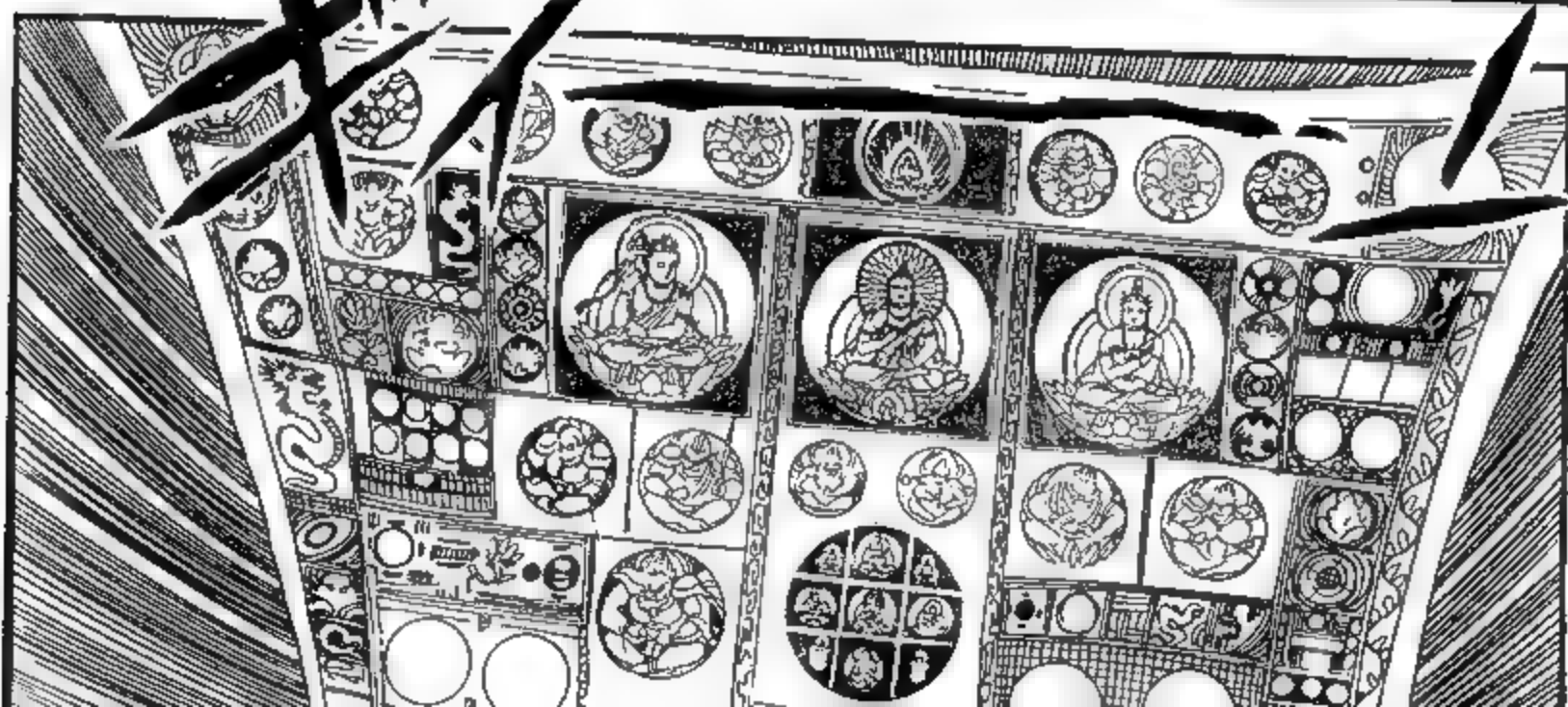
BUT
COUNTLESS
DEMONS
WILL SPEW
FORTH USING
THIS KID'S
BODY!

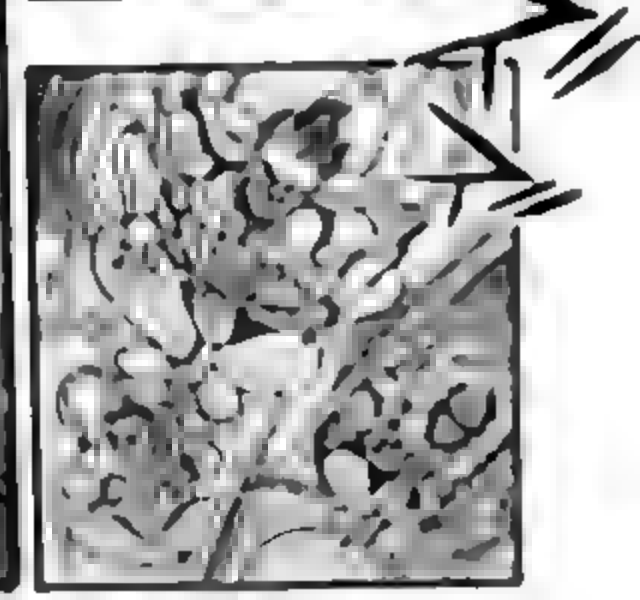
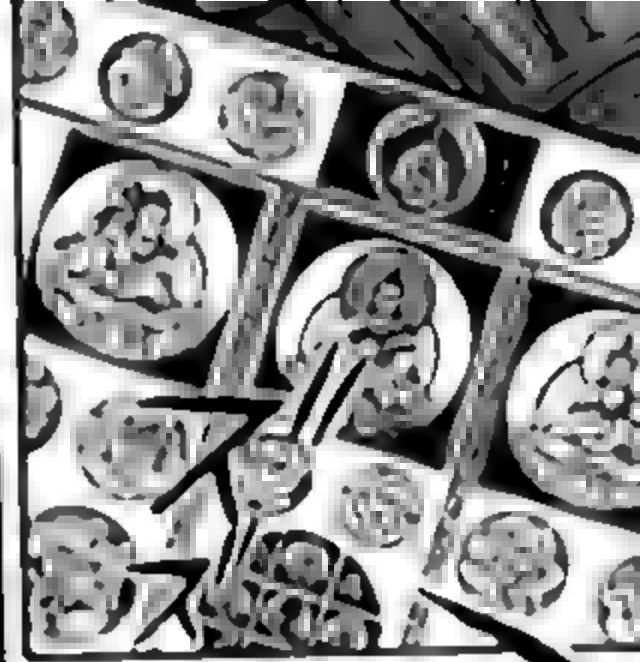


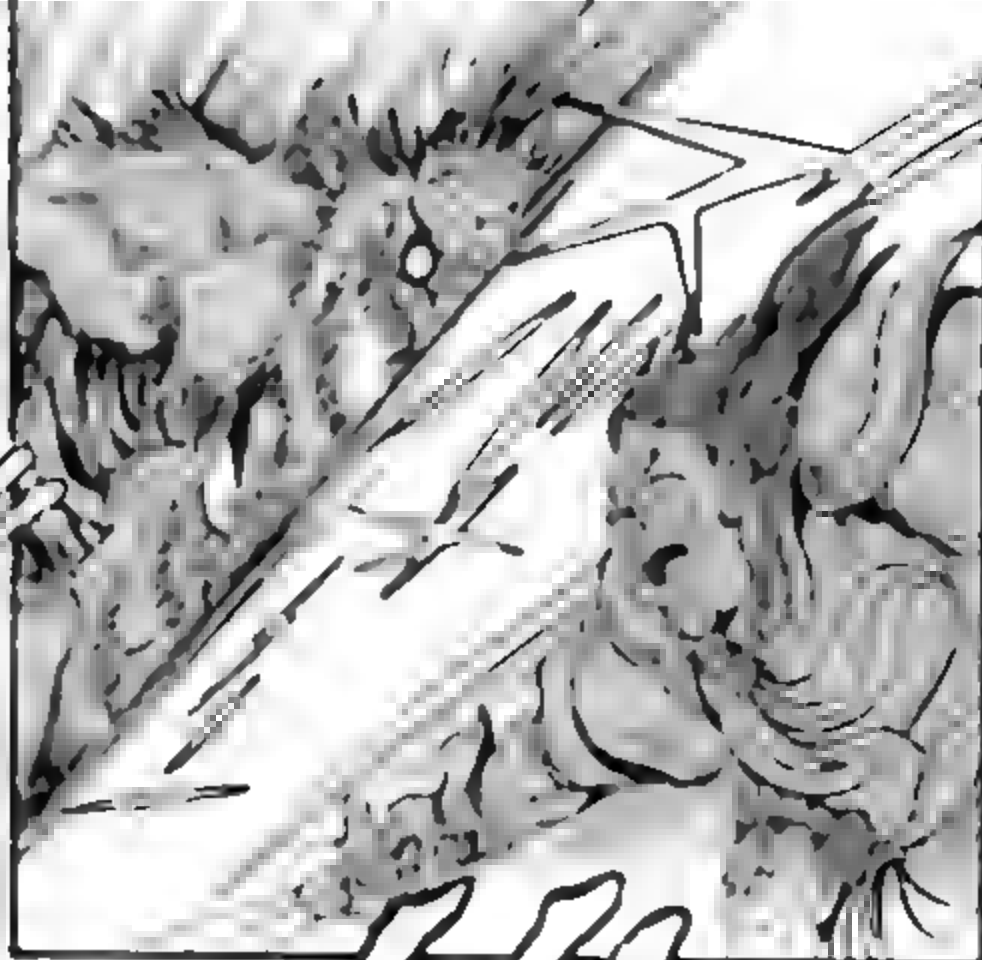
IT'S
POINTLESS...
YOU ONMYOUJI
MAY BE TASKED
WITH HANDLING
THE VENGEFUL
SPIRITS IN THE
CAPITAL OF
HEIAN...



KID!
IF YOU CAN
HEAR ME,
HURRY UP
AND GET
IT OUT!!

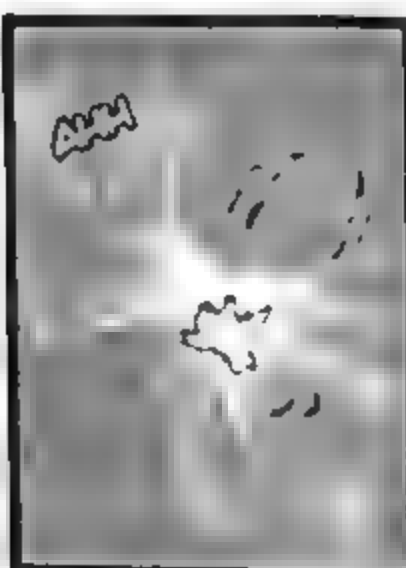


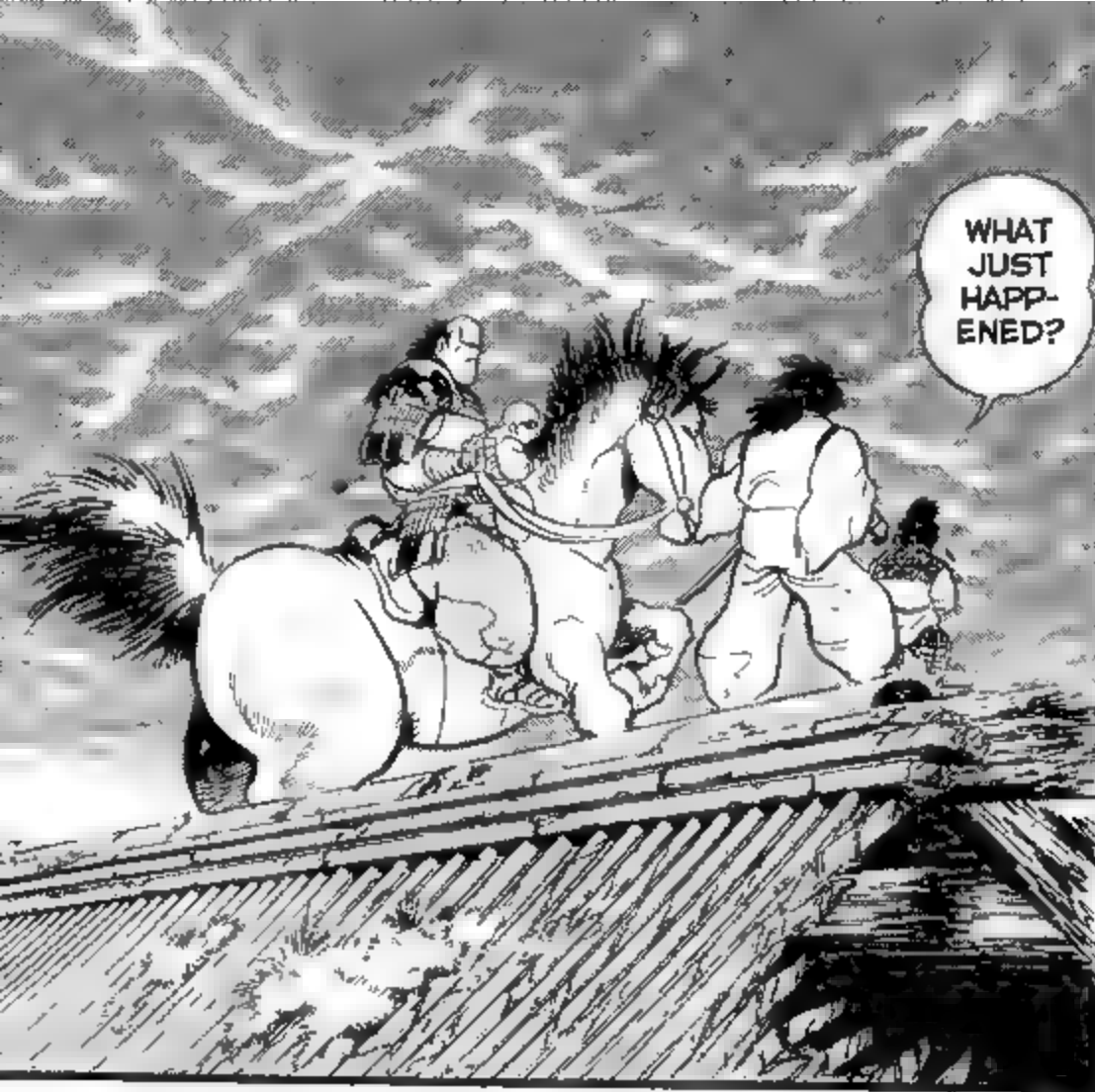












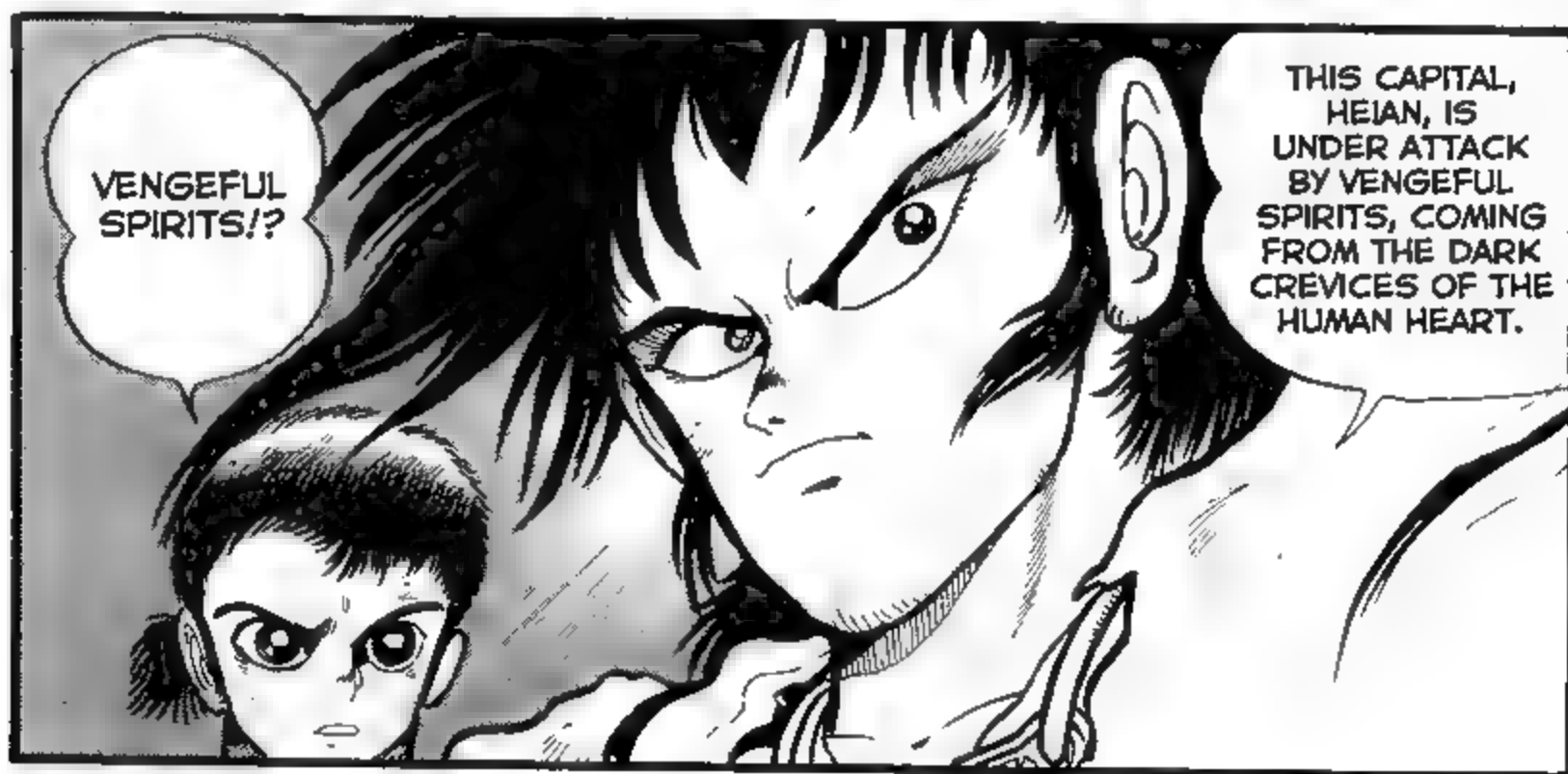
WHAT
JUST
HAPP-
ENED?



AHH



YOU'RE
GONNA
BE
OKAY.



VENGEFUL
SPIRITS!?

THIS CAPITAL,
HEIAN, IS
UNDER ATTACK
BY VENGEFUL
SPIRITS, COMING
FROM THE DARK
CREVICES OF THE
HUMAN HEART.



AND
ONCE
THEY'RE
IN, THEY
DEVOUR
US...

THEY GET
INTO OUR
WORLD
THROUGH
THE HUMAN
HEART-



THIS CAPITAL
WAS BUILT
TO PROTECT
ITSELF FROM
VENGEFUL
SPIRITS.

LOOK AT
HEIAN, OUR
CAPITAL.



THE
KAMO
CLAN
ONMYOUJI.

AND WE'RE
THE ONES
RESPONSIBLE
FOR HANDLING
THOSE
VENGEFUL
SPIRITS-



IN TRUTH, TOGETHER
WITH BUDDHISM, WE
GAINED A WEALTH OF
KNOWLEDGE ON
AN UNSPEAKABLE
SPACIAL PLANE.

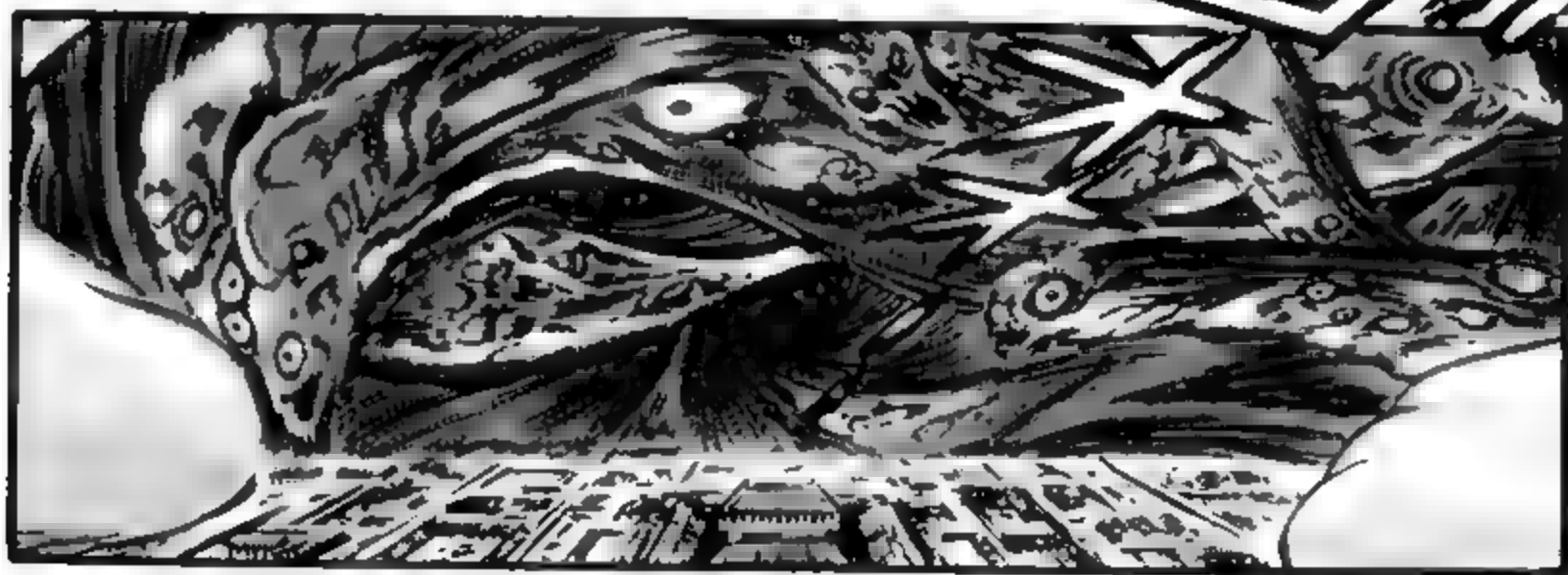


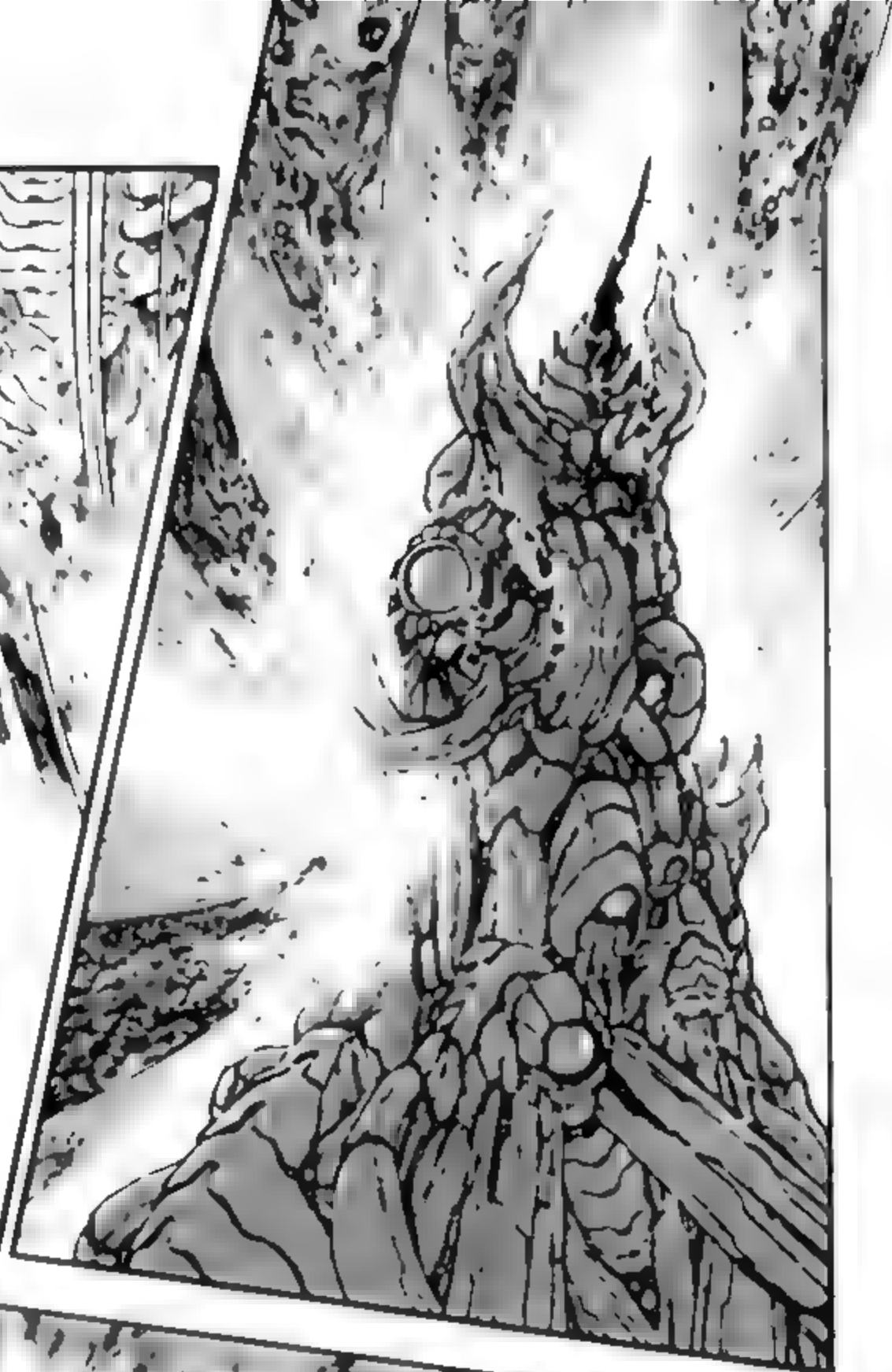
SINCE OUR
COUNTRY
ACCEPTED
BUDDHISM...

THIS
WOULD BE
THE FIRST
DEMONIC
INCURSION-



RIGHT NOW,
THE CAPITAL IS
LIKE A BOAT
FLOATING
THROUGH
THE UNDER-
WORLD.





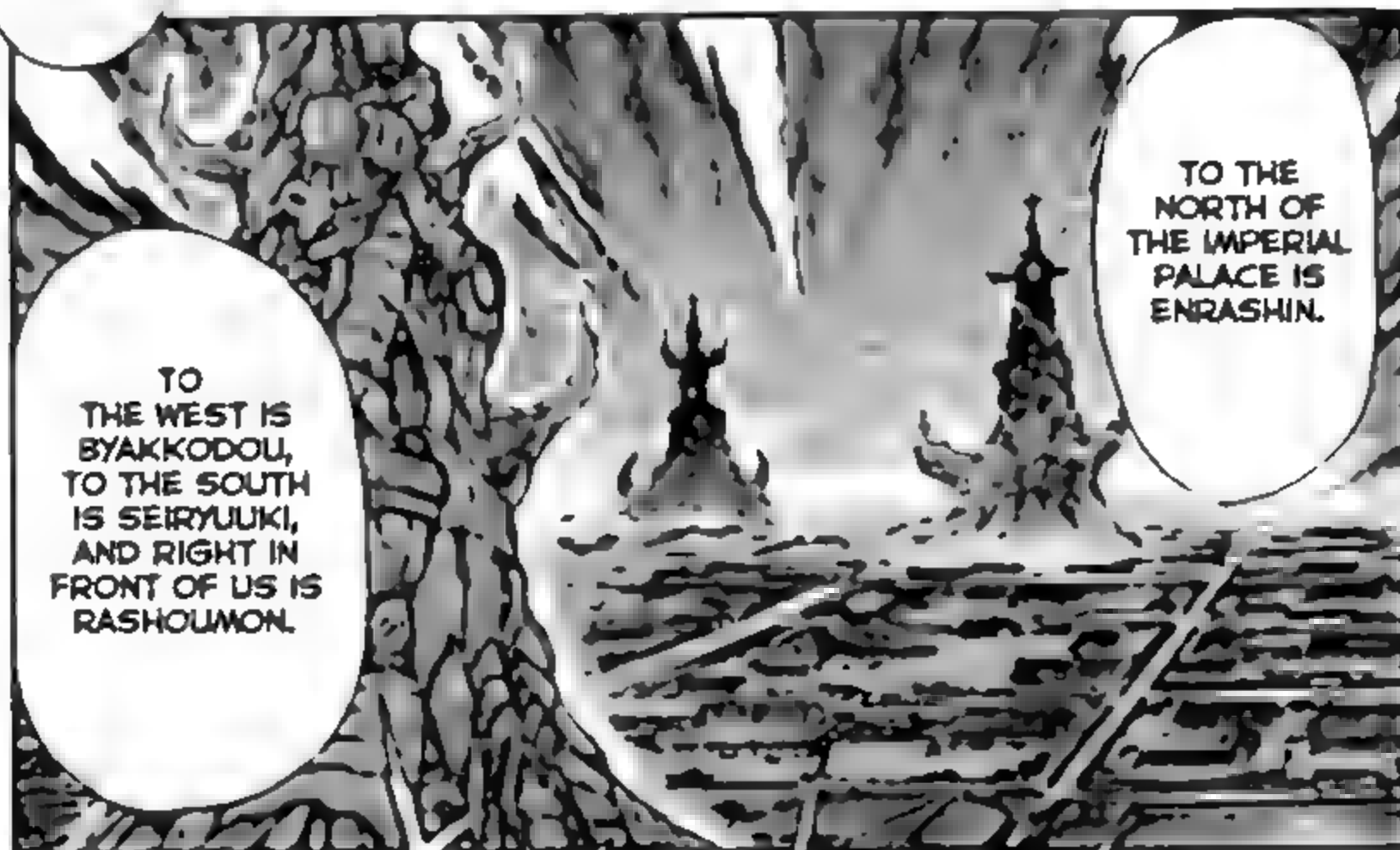
THOSE
TOWERS
ARE
CALLED
SHUM-
SEN.



SO
HE HAD
TOWERS
BUILT
THAT
SEALED
THE
UNDER-
WORLD.

HE
FEARED
THAT
VENGEFUL
SPIRITS
COULD EVEN
USE HIS
RELATIVES
TO KILL
HIM AND
TAKE THE
IMPERIAL
THRONE.

IN
ENRYAKU 12
(793 A.D.),
EMPEROR
KANMU WAS
WORRIED
ABOUT
MORE THAN
POLITICAL
OPPONENTS.



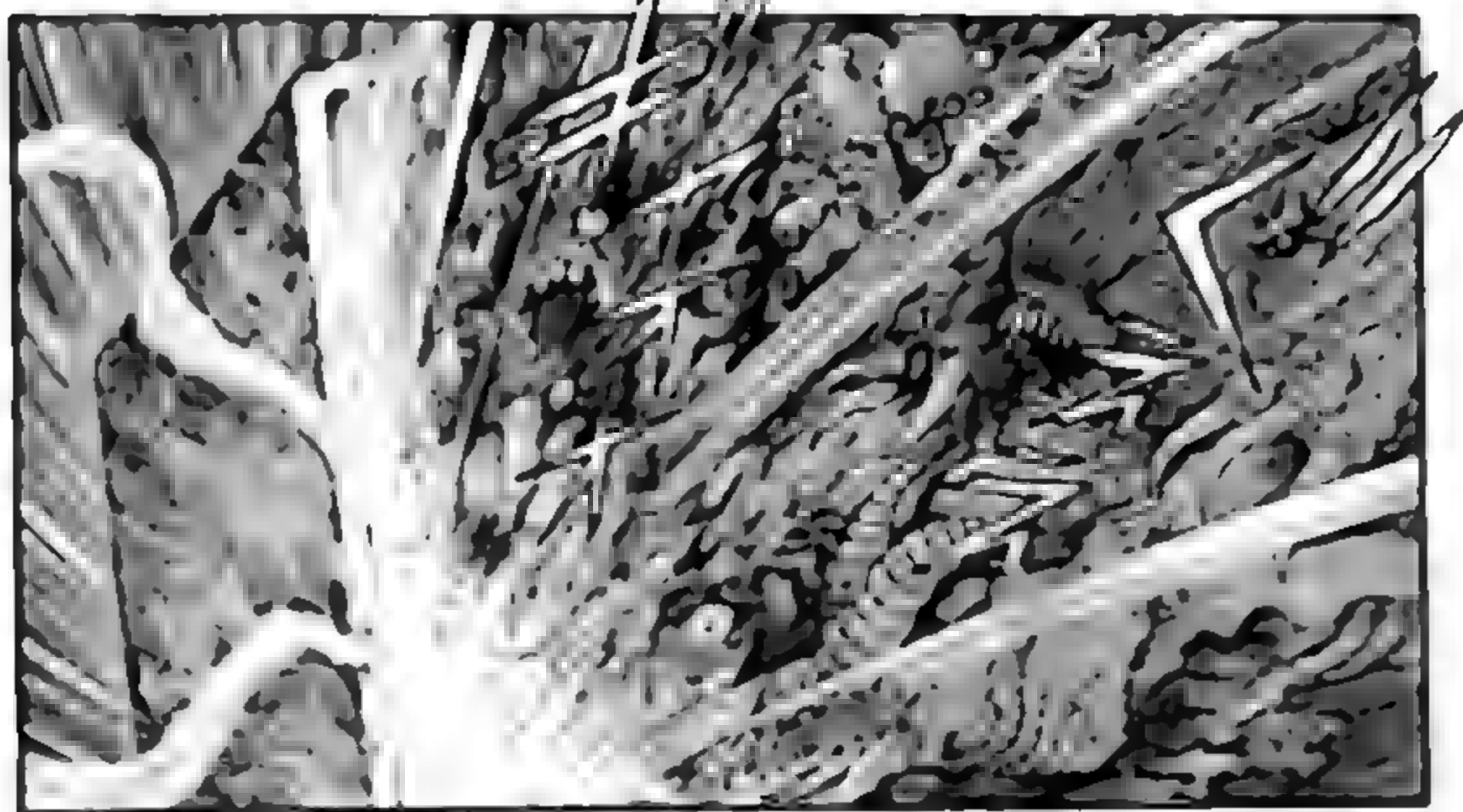
TO
THE WEST IS
BYAKKODOU,
TO THE SOUTH
IS SEIRYUUKI,
AND RIGHT IN
FRONT OF US IS
RASHOUMON.

TO THE
NORTH OF
THE IMPERIAL
PALACE IS
ENRASHIN.



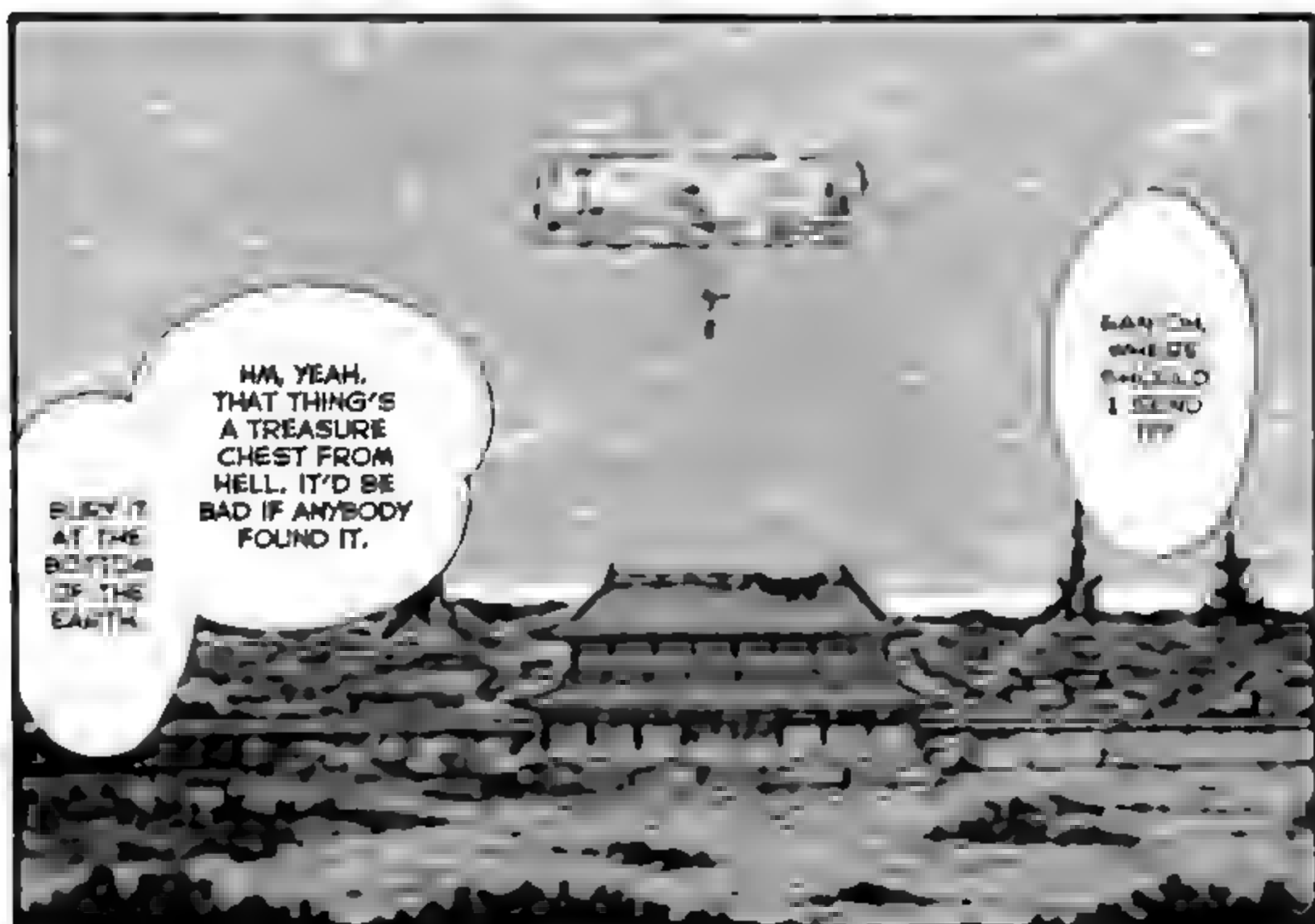
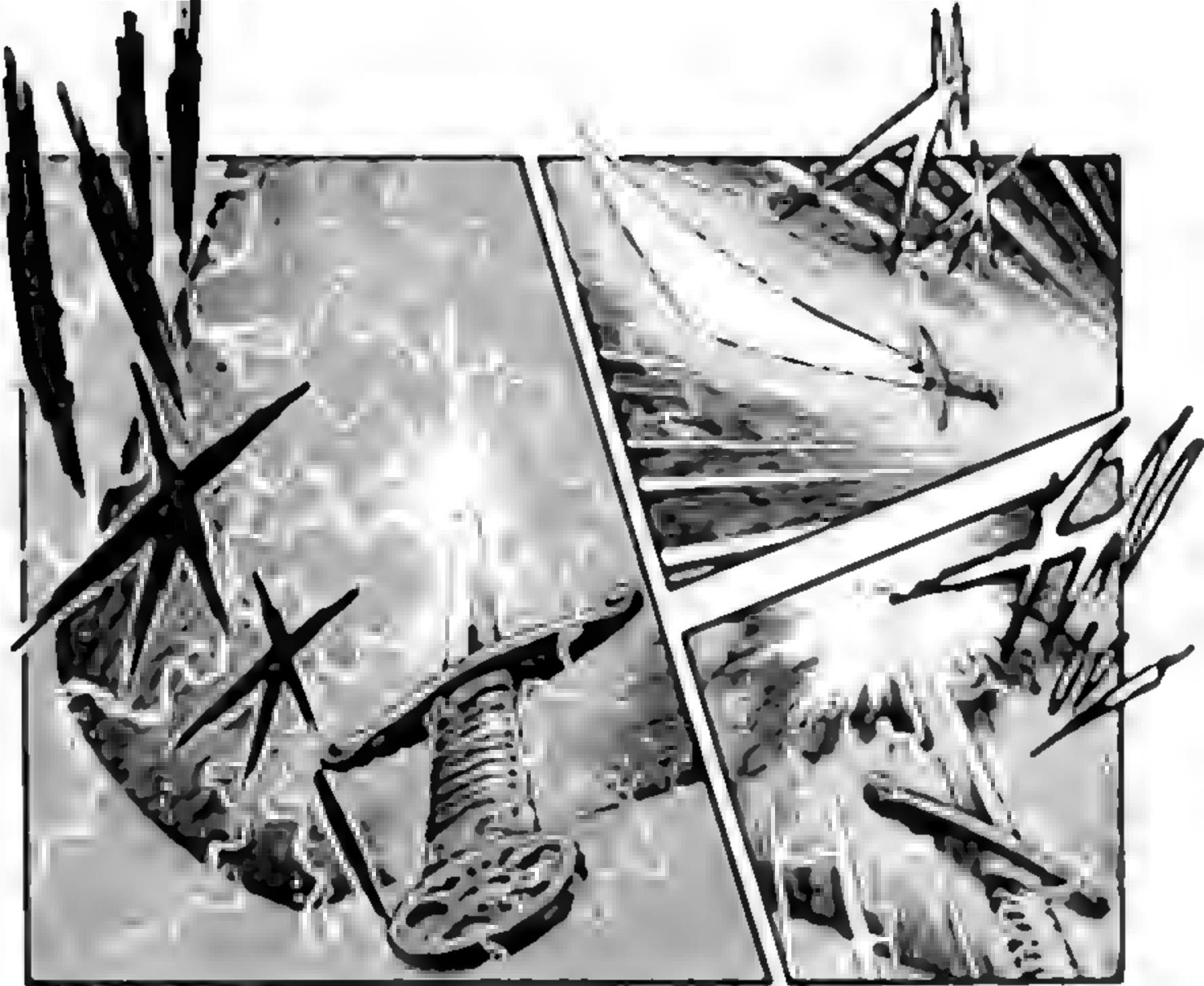
DEMONS
AREN'T
GETTING
INTO THE
CAPITAL.

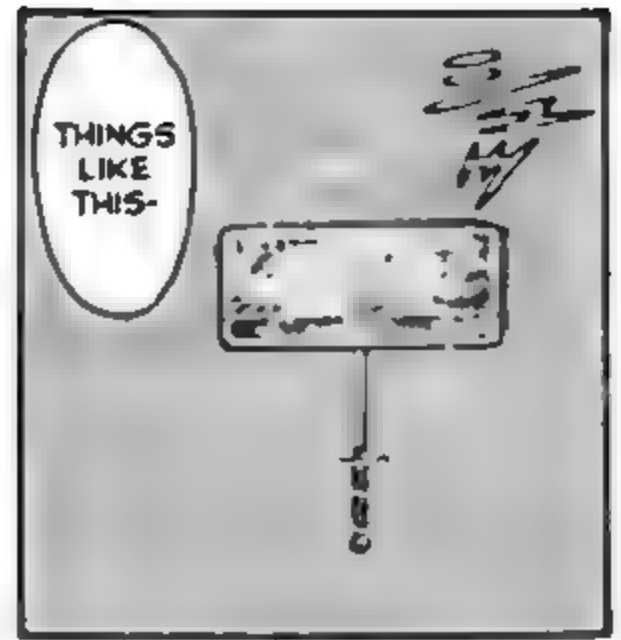
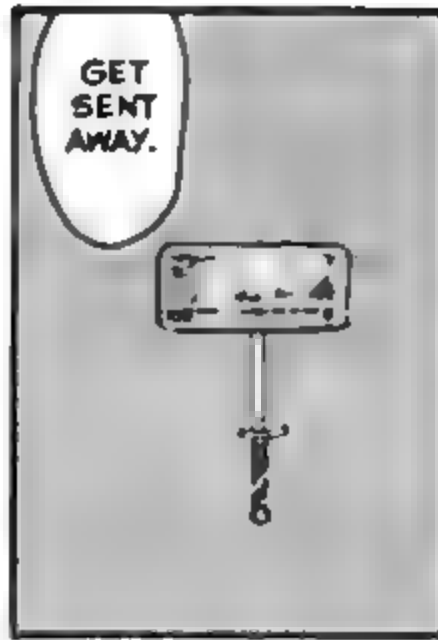
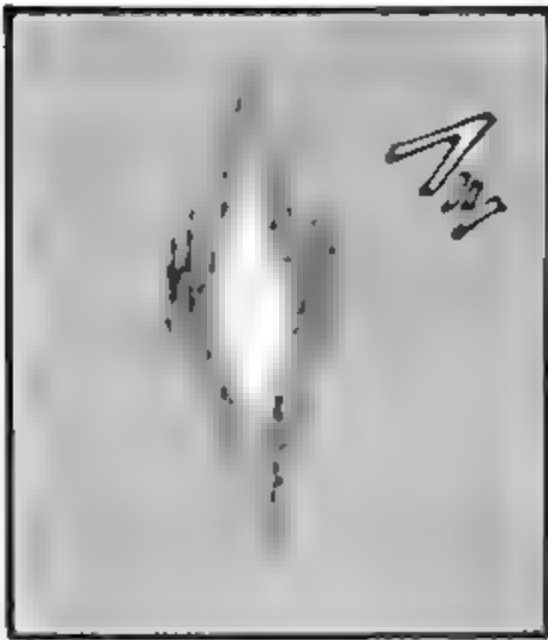
GRAOORRR



MYSTIC
ARTS OF
ONMYOU
DOGURA
SEALI







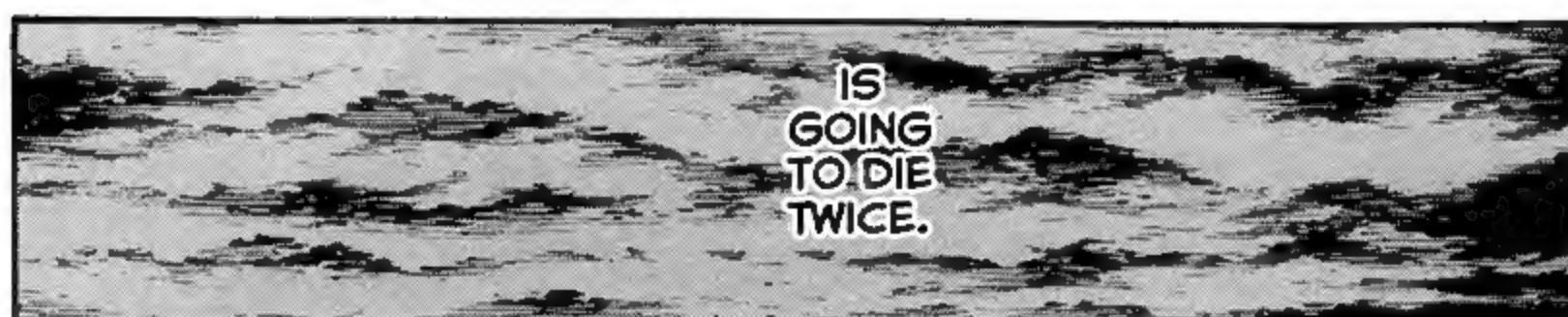
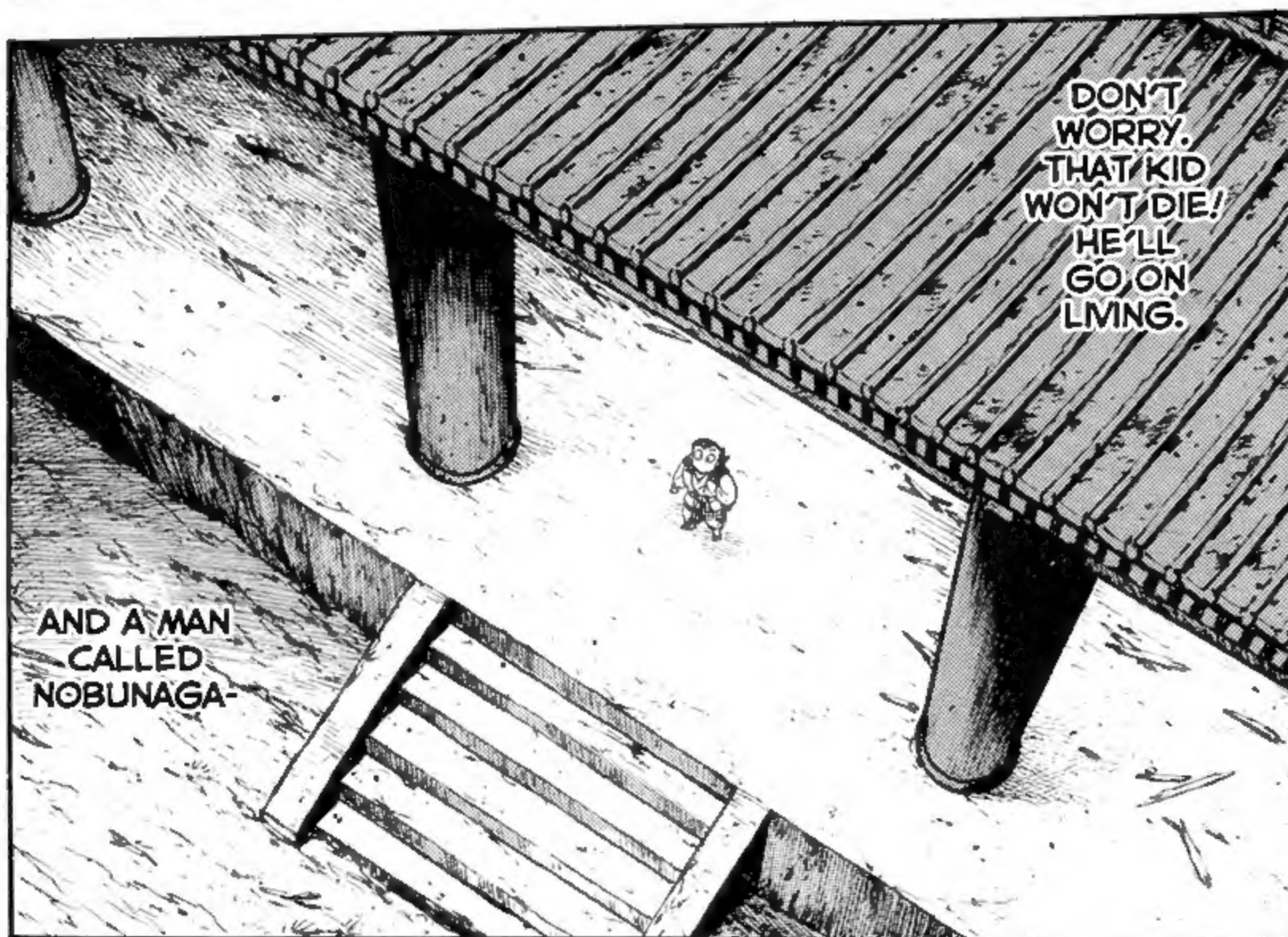
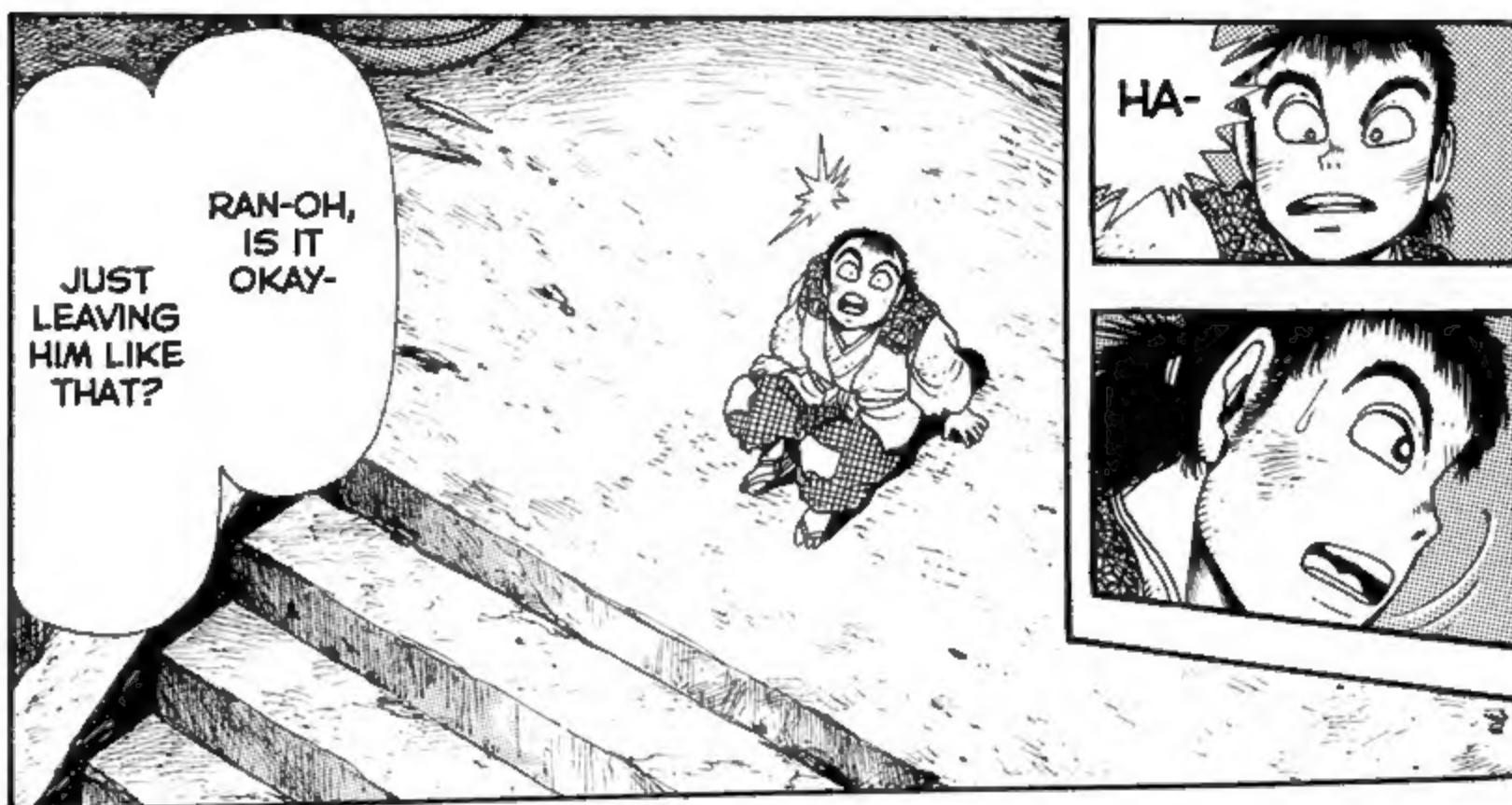


THEY SAY
THAT WHEN
THE DRAGON
ROARS, IT
MEANS BIG
CHANGES ARE
ON THEIR
WAY.

IS
STILL
CRY-
ING.

THIS
COUNTRY-





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